THE WEATHER

Cloudy with some rain this afternoon, turning to snow tonight; colder tonight.

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Merchants Report Good Christmas Business

EIGHT KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Record Business at Local Postoffice

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Man Alleged to Have Slashed Neighbor With Knife in North Street House Unable to Obtain Bail in District Court

Unable to furnish bail in the sum of $500 to guarantee his appearance in district court next Friday in answer to a complaint charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon on Samuel Bue, whom he is alleged to have slashed with a knife in the tenement at 32 North street last night, Theodore Ignatowicz will spend Christmas in the house of correction in East Cambridge. By order of the court, he was taken to that institution by Officer Peter Cawley this noon after pleading not guilty to the charge preferred against him.

The arrest of Ignatowicz was brought about last night when Sergt. Peter P. McMannmon, Inspector John Walsh, and Officers Frank O'Den and Myles P. Maloney, responded to an emergency call sent in to headquarters by residents of North street. When the officers arrived on the premises, they found Bue suffering from a painful knife wound under the left arm, and Ignatowicz, armed with a flatiron, in a decidedly belligerent mood. He was subdued by the officers, however, and taken to the station, where he was booked on the charge of assault with a knife. "Not a knife," he said, when confronted with the charge this morning and the court interpreted his statement as a plea of not guilty.

Bue, the victim of the alleged assault, apparently recovered from his injuries, was present in court, but as his wife is regarded as a material witness in the case, continuance to Friday was ordered.

BAD DAY FOR SHOPPING

Weather Man Makes Late Shoppers Pay Penalty of Procrastination

Lowell Stores Report a Good Christmas Business—Saturday's Receipts Large

Last minute and eleventh-hour Christmas shoppers today paid a penalty for procrastination, when the weather took a decided turn for the worse and brought rain and snow that laid a blanket of slush over sidewalks and streets.

Merchants felt the change in weather keenly and this noon reported a morning business too inconsequential to speak about. However, rain or no

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THE BRIDGE REFERENDUM

Withdrawal of Names From Petition Protested by Counsel for Petitioners

Protest of the withdrawal of signatures signed to the referendum petition against the appropriation of $125,000 for the construction of a bridge over Beaver Brook, was entered with the election commissioners this morning by Attorneys Arthur C. Spalding and John P. Farley, representing the petitioners.

Their protest was entered as a re-

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NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being Christmas Day, THE SUN will suspend publication of all editions.

Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Sweetin Convicted of Poison Murder of Wilfred Sweetin

Christmas Program

— TONIGHT —

Municipal observance at Memorial Auditorium. Band concert at Christmas tree, 7 to 9, followed by exercises in Auditorium.

Distribution of baskets by charitable organizations.

Tour of city by groups of Carol singers.

Holy Communion services at St. Anne's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock.

Midnight masses in all Catholic churches, except St. Margaret's.

Dances—Commodore Ballroom, Bay State Dancing School, Stratford's at Colonial hall, and Midnight party by Ramblers at Polish hall.

Open house and entertainment at Broadway club, from 7 tonight until 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Roller skating at the Crescent rink.

— TOMORROW —

Masses on same hours as on Sunday in all the Catholic churches. Special musical programs.

Christmas services in the Protestant churches.

Holiday dinners in all restaurants.

Entertainments in local hospitals and orphanages.

Christmas tree for members of Y. M. C. I., 2 p. m.

Broadway Club Christmas tree for "Acre" children, North Common, 2 p. m.

Christmas tree and gifts for children of Centralville by East End club, Bridge and First streets, 3 p. m.

Christmas tree and open house by Mathew Temperance Institute.

Special holiday programs in theatres, afternoon and evening.

Continuous roller skating, Crescent rink, 2 p. m. to 10.30 p. m.

Dancing at the Commodore Ballroom.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF CALEB S. JACKSON

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A warrant for the arrest of Caleb S. Jackson, former vice president and treasurer of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company who is at the City hospital after two attempts at suicide following revelations of improper disposition of $48,000 in oil stocks, was issued by the municipal court today. It charges larceny of that amount from the Eastern Mutual Insurance company, a subsidiary of the railway, of which also Jackson was treasurer.

The first metal discovered by primitive man was copper.

5000 CHILDREN GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 24.—Five thousand children into whose lives the Christmas spirit otherwise might not have come this year, were guests of the Rotary club today at a huge party in the Municipal Auditorium when after songs and movies, gifts were distributed by a Santa Claus from a big tree. Boy Scouts assisted in marshalling the crowd.

JURY OUT ALL NIGHT ON CASE

Had Been Unanimous for Finding Both Defendants Guilty From First Ballot

Wide Difference as to Punishment to Be Inflicted Upon Mrs. Sweetin

Hight Given Life Sentence—Woman 35-Years in the Penitentiary

MOUNT VERNON, Ills., Dec. 24.—The jury trying Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, early today returned a verdict of "guilty." Hight was given life imprisonment, while Mrs. Sweetin was given thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

After deliberating all night, the jury reported at 8.30 o'clock this morn-

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INSURANCE PROBLEMS OF GREEK RESIDENTS

Attorney George Bernstein, representing the local Greek community, will soon direct letters to the state commissioner of insurance and the attorney general protesting against alleged discrimination on the part of local insurance companies in dealing with Greek residents, who, the protest alleges are unable to secure fire insurance from any company in this city. In the letters, the complaint is registered that business reputations of the Greek citizens of Lowell are shaken at their very foundations by being refused the protection and stability of fire insurance.

This evening, a special meeting of all those interested in the petition for an investigation of the situation will be held in the Greek community church and Attorney Bernstein will be one of the speakers.

YESTERDAY WAS BIG DAY AT THE POSTOFFICE

Yesterday was the biggest day the Lowell postoffice ever experienced. During it, 115,000 letters were put through cancellation machines, an unprecedented number and far in excess of past records.

During the past three days, today

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PLANE CRASHED TO GROUND AND BURST INTO FLAMES—8 KILLED

Christmas-tide Tragedy Near London—Passengers on Way to Paris for Holiday Hurled to Death When Big Express Plane Banked and Fell

CROYDON, Eng., Dec. 24 (By the Associated Press)—A Christmastide tragedy occurred this morning at the airdrome here when the seven passengers and the pilot of the big Imperial Airways express DH-34 were killed when the airplane banked and crashed to the ground soon after it had taken off.

The passengers, who were on their way to Paris for Christmas, were hardly aware they were well in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Purley Down in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed.

There were two women among the passengers, five men passengers including Dr. Borhosa Lima, a Brazilian, and Cedric Trudgett, representative of the Chilean Review, and the pilot.

An eye-witness of the tragedy who said he was watching the plane, no-

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YOUTHFUL BANDITS HOLD UP HOTEL EMPLOYES AND GUESTS AND FLEE WITH $100,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two youthful robbers held up employes and guests of the Parkway Hotel early today and rifled the safety boxes in the safe for more than $100,000, it was disclosed after the guests had made a hurried check-up of their valuables. The robbers escaped.

LOCAL WOMEN ARRESTED

Automobile Accident Leads to Arrest of Two Alleged Shoplifters

Women Arraigned and Fined in Lawrence District Court This Morning

A peculiar automobile accident in Essex street, Lawrence, early last evening led to the arrest of Mrs. Georgianna Grennon, 34 years old, and Mrs. Jennie Sweet, 30 years old, both claiming Lowell as their place of residence, and their subsequent conviction in Lawrence district court this morning on a charge of larceny in connection with the theft of a bathrobe from the J. F. Magrath department store. They

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ONE-THIRD OF FORCE INDICTED

True Bills Returned Against Weehawken, N. J. Police Officers Following Raids

Held in Connection With Operations of Alleged Bootlegging Ring

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 24.—Almost one-third of the personnel of the Weehawken police force is under indictment today in connection with the operations of the alleged bootlegging ring in that city, as the result of the indictment yesterday by the Hudson

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N. Y. AND BOSTON CLEARING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $976,000,000. Balances, $110,000,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $65,000,000. Balances, $25,000,000.

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7 Everett St.

adv.

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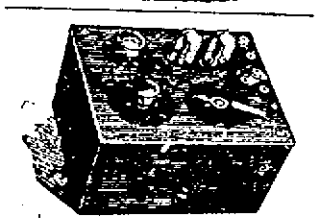

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REDUCTION IN ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

On Jan. 1, 1925, there will go into effect a reduction in electric light rates in the city amounting to one-half a cent per kilowatt hour.

The reduction as announced today by the Lowell Electric Light Corp. is in every way a voluntary act and comes in the nature of a most acceptable New Year's gift to approximately 17,000 householders.

The reduction applies only to home consumption of electricity and has no bearing upon "juice" used for power or in mercantile establishments. These sales are subject to an entirely different set of rates, not affected.

At present the rate is 10 cents gross per kilowatt hour, with half a cent discount if bills are paid within a specified time. The new rate is to be 9 cents an hour net, thus eliminating the troublesome discount, which has appeared on all electric light bills since the corporation was founded. The elimination of the discount by the Lowell company is a modern move and something that very few electric light companies in the country have done.

Meter men will begin to take readings under the new rate on the first day of January and consumers whose meters are read on that date or on other early dates in the month will get bills for electricity used in December at the new rate. Persons whose meters are not read until late in the month will be obliged to pay for their December consumption at the old rate, but this difference is impossible to escape because of the fact that the company has 17,000 meters to read monthly and it requires a force of men to work every day in the month to complete the job.

The announcement of the reduction is made by John A. Hunnewell, manager. It also comes to mind that it was just about one year ago that the last reduction in rates was made, also of half a cent per kilowatt hour.

TESTIMONIAL SENT TO EX-SEC. OF WAR BAKER

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Newton D. Baker, ex-secretary of war, will receive as a Christmas gift tomorrow a morocco-bound volume containing a country-wide compilation of letters and editorials controverting the alleged inaccurate biographical sketch of him published by the Encyclopedia Britannica in its post-bellum volumes, and revised in later edition.

Prominent men who are included among the sponsors of the testimonial sent a telegram to Mr. Baker from New York last night in which they say:

"Despite your indifference to the content of the article and despite the fact that it has already been altered and partially corrected, we ask that you examine these distinguished service citations from your fellow countrymen. It is a token of the esteem of that increasing company of people everywhere who comprehend the fine integrity, the eloquent zeal, the enlightened liberalism and withal, the simple modesty that you have put into the service of your country and your time."

The Britannica's original article stated that Baker's "career generally as secretary was widely condemned throughout the United States as lacking in energy, foresight and ability." The more recent version, while repenting that Baker's pacific leanings and his administration of the war department were criticized, add that: "He was largely responsible for the centralization of industrial affairs; he insisted upon the selective draft; and he prevented any political interference with the conduct of the war."

COUPLE HURLED TO DEATH IN ICY WATERS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A young married couple, driving home in a small automobile laden with Christmas packages, died in each other's arms last night when the steering gear went wrong and the car plunged upside down into the icy waters of Pelham bay.

Policemen tried to rescue the imprisoned couple. But no one was equal to the task of diving into the freezing water. Not until two wrecking crews had come at top speed from City Island was it possible to raise the car far enough to open the door, and by that time the two were long past aid.

The victims were John Frigel, a decorator, 30 years old, and his wife, Mabel, a year his junior.

REALTY CO. GAVE TURKEYS TO EMPLOYES

The Highland Realty association, which has built a great many houses in the Highlands this season, remembered the artisans in its employ in a very generous way yesterday afternoon. At the close of work on Andover street, where the company is building several houses, the men, some 25 in number, were called together and each presented a basket containing a fine big turkey, a variety of fruit and all the necessary fixings. Mr. John R. Sargent, on behalf of the company, presented the baskets and wished the men a merry Christmas. The recipients expressed their appreciation of the gifts and thanked Mr. Sargent and the directors for this mark of goodwill.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND SHOWER

The Christmas tree celebration yesterday afternoon by young women clerks in Memorial hall, also took the form of a shower for Miss Blanche Brunelle of the assessing staff, who is to be married within a few days. A purse of gold was presented her as the gift of her fellow-workers.

The tree celebration was a happy affair, with gifts for everyone. Mrs. Fred Nevery appeared as Santa Claus and later in the afternoon entertained with a group of songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Katherine R. McAleer, who had charge of the party.

COLORED QUILL PEN FOR DESK

Colored quill pens may be obtained at reasonable cost, to act as a colorful ornament on the desk. Put the quill in a small, colored cup, about the size of a wine cup, and fill the cup half way with small buckshot to keep the quill up and the cup stationary.

JEWEL CASES

Jewel cases of fine leather are beautifully lined with velvet and have many trays and receptacles for holding jewels.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

(By the Theatres' Own Press Agents)

MERRIMACK SQ. THEATRE

The Christmas program at the Merrimack Square theatre is one of the most attractive arranged at that popular theatre in many months. The underlined attractions are "Dangerous Money," starring Bebe Daniels in a role both peppy and appealing in a story full of romantic atmosphere, and "Manhattan," featuring Richard Dix in the tale of a rich New Yorker in search of a thrill. The ninth episode of "Into the Net" and the latest International News are also on this excellent bill which will continue through Friday and Saturday.

"Dangerous Money" is sure to please all Bebe Daniels fans. In it Bebe has her first role as a full-fledged star. Tom Moore heads the supporting cast. The story concerns the wistful romance of Adele Clark, a poor little boarding house slavey, and Tim Sullivan, hard working young contractor. When we first see them ranking love in the shadow of Brooklyn bridge, it looks as if wedding bells will soon ring out. But complications set in. Adele overnight learns that she is an heiress with millions at her command. And then the fun begins.

"Manhattan," the Richard Dix feature, is crammed full of action and romance. It's the sort of a production that "gets" you at the start and never lets go until the final fadeout.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The Christmas week bill at the B. F. Keith theatre is decidedly above par, with plenty of comedy and some seasonal acts which have scored very well. The character comedy, "Tenantization," with Hugh Herbert in the leading role, is one of the very best acts seen here this year, while the travesty of Jimmy Lucas and Co. is a top notcher. Then there is the laughable rural comedy in which Keane and Williams do a wonderful piece of comedy work. The animal act of Carleton Emmy and his "Merry Wags" is a topnotcher in every respect, while the singing of Guarino and Cooper is of a high order. The Clinton Sisters are excellent dancers. "The Early Bird" is the Johnny Hines feature picture. The afternoon performance Christmas day will begin at 2.15.

THE STRAND

A ragged kid from San Francisco suddenly finds himself cast upon a South Sea island, the lone survivor of the good ship "Sara Winch." What do you imagine he does? If you would learn then visit the Strand today and see Jackie Coogan in his latest and best picturization, "Little Robinson Crusoe." Jackie is the same clever, exceptionally talented child star, whose screen efforts are in rank with the best in the silent. To realize that a child of such tender years can create and effect the results attained is almost unbelievable. See him in this offering and wonder all the more at his ability. The second feature on the bill shows Hoot Gibson in "The Hurricane Kid." The title of the story indicates rather forcibly just what to expect. It's a real western story with its thrills and tense scenes, plus action galore. Horsemanship is demonstrated in a manner shown only by Hoot himself. For the last three days of the holiday week, starting Thursday, Lionel Barrymore in "I Am the Man," and "The Family Secret" featuring Baby Peggy. A Lloyd Hamilton comedy "Crushed" will be the third attraction.

No other photoplay scheduled to appear locally promises as much as "I Am the Man" which is to be shown during the week-end. The reason is that it stars Lionel Barrymore, who with perfect justice, has been termed America's most distinguished actor. Advance reports on "I Am the Man" indicate that this is the best thing that Mr. Barrymore has done in his long and honorable screen career. Those who are tired of the hackneyed themes of the screen should be highly interested in this picture, which is up-to-date in story and action.

Baby Peggy, million dollar baby screen star is shown in "The Family Secret" a story of modern life, with its weaknesses and pitfalls, that sounds a warning to many who allow them to interfere with their happiness and contentment. You'll like the story and you'll all have to love Baby Peggy. The comedy attraction presents Lloyd Hamilton in his newest laughmaker, "Crushed." It's a great holiday bill and one that will give genuine satisfaction to all.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Charley's Aunt," one of the most delightful humorous bills of all time, is the offering of the Stanley James (Inc.) Stock Players at the home of the spoken drama all this week. This makes a great vehicle for Harry Fischer, comedian, who has a role in which he excels even the most stellar of his scintillating past performances. Mr. Gerald Rowan, leading man, and Mr. Jack West, juvenile, have parts which show their talents to good advantage. The same could be said of the four women of the company, Miss Desmonde, Miss Farrell, Miss Lloyd and Miss Aubrey. Wilmer Walter is top-notch as usual, and his work adds much to the play.

"Charley's Aunt" is a great show that is doing a deserved good business. The special Christmas matinee is proving popular and the box office phone at 7610 is kept busy by patrons calling to make seat reservations. There will be a special matinee Friday, on which day photographs of the leading man, Mr. Rowan, and autographed by him, will be given free to every woman attending.

LOEW'S RIALTO

Next time you phone anyone and fly into a rage because you can't get the operator quick enough—just stop and think—and then take a trip to the Rialto and see "Daughters of the Night" and we promise that you will never again say one word against the telephone girl, who without any doubt is one of the most abused persons in the world. Recognition, long awaited by the telephone girl, is contained in this picture which is new to Lowell. It is said to do full justice to the two score years of faithful service to the public on the part of the little telephone operators.

Worthy of the Vail medal, which is given to operators for deeds of heroism, is the braveness displayed by the pretty little girl night operator at the small town of Midvale in "Daughters of the Night," which opens at the Rialto tomorrow and where it will be shown Friday and Saturday. Betty Blair, the night operator in the story, is directing the midnight pursuit of motor bandits by long-distance telephone when fire breaks out in the telephone building. She is all alone in the night office. She dares not leave the switchboard for even a second lest the motoring marauders escape. As the flames make headway rapidly toward the exchange room and the smoke gets thicker and hotter, she continues to take the direction calls from the lineman pursuing the motor bandits on a motorcycle, and then notifies the night operators of the next towns. Just as the message is flashed to her lineman lover that the gang is caught, she falls from the switchboard overcome by smoke.

"Daughters of the Night" is a William Fox special production that you cannot afford to miss. It's chock full of thrills and genuine drama. Don't miss it, and if you have a friend that's a telephone operator, why just let her know about it.

"Ridin Double" a semi-western story with Leo Maloney in the stellar role is the added feature, while a comedy and news conclude this exceptional holiday bill.

Get your seats now for the Rialto Midnite Revue, the only musical comedy in town on New Year's eve. Lots of fun for everyone.

Menus for a Family

Tested by SISTER MARY

Breakfast—Oranges, cereal, thin cream, creamed dried beef on toast, hashed brown potatoes, bread crumb pancakes, syrup, whole wheat toast, milk, coffee.

Luncheon—Rice and nut roll, brown bread, grape jelly, hearts of celery, hamburg sponge, sponge drops, milk, tea.

Dinner—Roast lamb, baked potatoes, creamed carrots, date salad, canned apricots, chocolate cake, bran rolls, milk, coffee.

A soft cooked egg on toast should be served to four-year-olds for luncheon in place of the rice and nut roll. Since meat is planned for the junior's dinner, none is needed for their luncheon. However, if it's at all possible, serve the hearty meal at noon-time and the lighter meal in the evening. In many families the man of the house and the older children are not at home at noon and the "real" meal must be served at six.

Rice and Nut Roll

One-half cup rice, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 cup nut meats, fine dried bread crumbs.

Wash rice well through several waters. Cook in boiling salted water until tender and as dry as possible. Part of the goodness of the rice is thrown away in the water in which it was cooked. Let cool and add butter, milk, salt, pepper and nuts. Mix well and shape in a roll. Roll in bread crumbs, pour over 1 tablespoon melted butter and bake in a moderate oven for twenty-five minutes. Serve with or without tomato sauce.

Hamburg Sponge

Two cups milk, 2 eggs, 4 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon granulated gelatin, 4 tablespoons cold water, 1 orange, 1 cup whipping cream, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, few grains salt.

Beat eggs well with milk and sugar and cook in double boiler until thick. Remove from the fire and stir in gelatin softened in cold water and dissolved over hot water. Add juice and grated rind of orange and let stand until cool. When mixture begins to stiffen beat with a dover beater until foamy. Fold in cream whipped until stiff with powdered sugar and a few grains of salt. Chill and serve with the sponge cake cut from the dinner dessert the night before.

Date Salad

Large dates, chopped nuts, cream cheese, cream, salt and pepper, lettuce, mayonnaise, whipped cream.

Wash dates and dip in very thin syrup. Two tablespoons sugar to a cup of boiling water makes the sirup. Put dates on a pan and put in a cool oven until they are nicely "plumped." Remove stones and fill with nuts and cheese worked with cream until moist and smooth. Season the filling with salt and pepper to taste while mixing. Serve the dates on a bed of lettuce with mayonnaise topped with a spoonful of whipped cream made slightly pink with paprika.

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SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

When mothers put children on the front porch to play they often return to find the kiddies down the street, their lives being endangered by passing automobiles. A porch gate which can not be unhooked by the youngsters will keep them on the porch and relieve mother of many of her worries.

SEVERE LOOKING

The more severe looking you can make your coiffure these days, the smarter you look. Straight locks are much preferred to marcelled ones.

TRUCK CONTAINING 20 LINEMEN OVERTURNED

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—A truck containing 20 linemen, employed by the Stone & Webster company, constructing the new Montaup electric high tension line from South Somerset to Brockton, overturned on the Slippery road here this morning. Clifton Choate, George Smith, James Glenn and Hugh Kennedy, all of Pawtucket, R. I., were the only ones injured in the crowd.

McMAHON TO VISIT LOCAL LABOR UNIONS

Local organized textile union members expect that President Thomas F. McMahon, of the International Textile Workers of America, will visit Lowell soon. He is expected to open a temporary office in Lawrence within a short time, making that a Massachusetts headquarters for a period of time to be decided upon later.

Nothing official has been received from New York international headquarters as to the time when the president will make his visit to the Merrimack valley, but it was announced at the recent special meeting of the executive board that he would come early in January.

BRIDGE MATTER MAY GO OVER TO NEXT YEAR

It is now believed that the Beaver Brook bridge referendum petition will not come before the present city council, but will be before the 1925 body for action. This seeming delay is based upon the election commission's task of checking over the 6000 names attached to the petition which will require several days and it is hardly possible that it will be in shape to present to the council at its meeting on Friday evening of this week. As this meeting will be the last of the current year, the matter automatically will hold over to 1925.

When the petition does go before the council, the makeup of that body will be considerably changed from its present personnel with three new councillors-at-large and one new ward councilor seated.

If the petition is approved by the election commission as carrying a sufficient number of proper signatures, it will be up to the council to do one of two things: To rescind the previous vote authorizing an appropriation for a bridge, or place the matter before the electorate at a special election. There are no other alternatives, according to Plan B charter.

$40,000 LOSS BY FIRE IN FABYAN, CONN. MILL

FABYAN, Conn., Dec. 24.—A fire which started in the boiler room of the Fabyan Woolen mills here this morning burned its way to the roof, destroying some carding machines and doing $40,000 damage. Two hundred employes will be out of work about three weeks.

$35,000 LOSS CAUSED BY WOONSOCKET FIRE

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 24.—The Elmond block, a 3½ story wooden structure, was gutted early this morning by a fire which necessitated four alarms and a family, cut off by a burning staircase, was saved with difficulty from a piazza by firemen. The loss is set at $35,000.

The blaze started in the cellar from unknown causes and quickly swept through the building. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenblatt and their two children, asleep on the third floor, were trapped by the blazing stairs and were taken down a ladder in their night clothing from a second floor piazza. They were cared for at the police station.

SEAPLANE SWAMPED, FOUR MEN KILLED

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Three navy men and a civilian met death here yesterday when a naval ambulance seaplane returning from off the North Carolina coast with a hospital patient was swamped at the Hampton Roads naval air station landing.

The dead are:

E. M. Keyser and A. S. Manwaring, chief petty officers; P. S. Gavin, a hospital apprentice, and Uriah B. Williams, Jr., of Buxton, N. C. Williams was being brought to a Norfolk hospital for treatment for pneumonia.

U. B. Williams, Sr., father of the civilian victim of the wreck, and a retired naval enlisted man; Lt. W. B. Gwin, pilot, and a radio operator and a mechanic escaped. The wreck was attributed to a hole in the bow of the plane, which allowed the water to rush into the forward part when it glided into the water. Two of the navy men were struck by the propellers and killed. The other victims were drowned. The bodies of the four men were recovered.

A motor boat, which was waiting at a pier to assist in landing the sick man and the crew, sped to the scene of the accident and rescued the four men who managed to dive clear of the propellers.

Manwaring and Keyser lived in Norfolk. Gavin's home was in Schenectady, N. Y.

An official inquiry to determine the cause of the accident will be made. Capt. H. C. Cooke, commanding officer of the Hampton Roads naval air station, said it appeared "that there must have been a hole in the bow, because when the plane landed, it did a nose dive, and water rushed in through the bow, swamping it."

Only the forward part of the ship was submerged.

MATRIMONIAL

Turgeon—Trudel

Mr. Jerome Turgeon and Miss Cecile Trudel were united in marriage at a nuptial mass celebrated at 7 o'clock this morning, in Ste. Jeanne d'Arc's church, by Rev. Leon Lamothe, O.M.I., pastor. Mr. Ulric Turgeon and Mr. Alfred Beruhe attended the couple. The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe georgette with veil and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. This evening, a reception will be tendered the bridal couple at the home of the bride's parents in Sarah avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon will make their home in Boston.

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DEATHS

McCORMACK—Mrs. Allen McCormack, wife of James F. McCormack, a well known resident of the Centralville district and a constant attendant of St. Michael's church for 28 years, passed away this morning at her late home, 136 Jewett street, after a brief illness, aged 65 years. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, James F. McCormack; three sons, Alfred and James McCormack, of this city, and Robert McCormack of New York city; four daughters, Mrs. John Cheswick and Mrs. Albert Bakewell, of this city; Mrs. James Sheehan of Malden and Miss Lillian McCormack of Boston. Mrs. McCormack was a prominent member of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Michael's church. The body will be removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cheswick, rear 136 Jewett street by Undertaker William A. Mack. Funeral notice later.

SURPRENANT—Oscar, infant son of Francis and Blanche (Pelletier) Surprenant died this morning at the home of his parents, 55 Dracut street, aged 6 days. Burial took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Joseph Tremblay.

POOK—Mrs. Lavinia W. Pook died yesterday in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., aged 63 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. F. H. Hayward of Rye, N. Y., and Mrs. Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut; three sisters, Mrs. Catherine L. Gordon of Dover, N. H., Mrs. Annie V. Hayes of Needham and Mrs. Elizabeth P. McAuley of Tacoma, Wash.; one brother, Joseph Adair of Hartland, N. B., and several nieces and nephews and six grandchildren. The body will be brought to the funeral parlors of John A. Weinbeck.

SHEEHAN—Mortimer Sheehan, for many years a well known employe of the United States Bunting Co., died yesterday at his home, 40 St. James street, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nora (Murphy) Sheehan; one son, Timothy Sheehan; a brother, James Sheehan; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Carragher, and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Holy Name society and St. Vincent de Paul society of the Sacred Heart church and Division 1, A.O.H.

MESSER—Died, Dec. 24, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Euphemia E. Messer, aged 39 years, 10 months and 24 days. She is survived by her husband, Norman E. Messer; two children, Everett P. and Elizabeth C. Messer; four sisters, Mrs. Alfred McKinley of So. Bend, Ind., Mrs. James M. Parke of Boston, Mrs. George Swallow and Mrs. William B. Jolley, both of this city; and one brother, William B. Mockrib of Lowell.

MARSOOBIAN—Mrs. Zartar Marsoobian, aged 64 years, formerly of Chicago, but for the past few months residing in this city, died yesterday at the Lowell Corporation hospital. She is survived by her husband, Avak, of Chicago; one daughter, Mary, also of Chicago, and one son, John Michael, of this city. The body was removed to the Funeral home of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons, 14 Highland street.

FORSYTHE—Miss Nina B. Forsythe, a resident of Berkeley, Cal., attending the Lowell Textile school in this city, died yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bradley, 40 Chauncey avenue. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker W. Herbert Blake, 16 Market street.

SOUZA—Maria J. Souza, aged 15 months, child of Antonio and Josephine Souza, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 23 Penn avenue. Besides her parents, she is survived by four sisters and three brothers.

FUNERAL NOTICES

POOK—Died in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 23, Mrs. Lavinia W. Pook, aged 63 years. Funeral services will be held at the Funeral chapel, 116 Appleton street, on Saturday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, Friends invited without further notice. Undertaker John A. Weinbeck Son in charge.

SHEEHAN—Died in this city, Dec 23, at his late home, 40 St. James street, Mortimer Sheehan. Funeral will take place Friday morning from his late home at 9 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock a solemn high funeral mass will be celebrated. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers O'Connell & Fay.

MESSER—Died, Dec. 24, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Euphemia E. Messer, aged 39 years, 10 months and 24 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Swallow, 283 Fletcher street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

MARSOOBIAN—Died in this city, Dec. 23, Mrs. Zartar Marsoobian, at the Lowell Corporation hospital. Funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from 11 Highland street. Burial will take place in the Westlawn cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

SOUZA—Died in this city, Dec. 23, Maria J. Souza. Funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her parents, Antonio and Josephine Souza, 23 Penn avenue. Services will be held at St. Anthony's church at 3 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

FUNERALS

JOHNSON—With solemn and impressive services at St. Peter's church this morning the funeral of Miss Elizabeth Johnson took place. The funeral cortege left the home, 491

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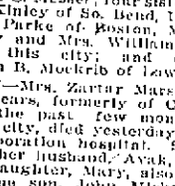

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FILE SUIT FOR $100,000

CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 24.—Suit for $100,000 damages for the publication of alleged defamatory references to Miss Louise Lawson, former Alvardo, Tex., girl, who was found slain in her New York apartment last winter, has been filed in district court here against the Southern Publishing company of Waco, publishers of the Waco News-Tribune. The suit was filed by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lawson, parents of the girl.

Actual damages of $50,000 and exemplary damages of $50,000 are sought.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL HURT

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—Superintendent of Schools John F. Scully of Brockton, one of the best known educators in the state, was badly cut up and bruised last night when his machine left the road and crashed into a telephone pole. Superintendent Scully, president of the Bridgewater Normal School Alumni association, was returning from Bridgewater, following a meeting conducted to aid the school that was practically burned out several days ago.

MISS EDITH POUZZNER DIES IN COLORADO

Word has been received in Lowell of the death on Sunday last, in Denver, Col., after a lingering illness, of Miss Edith Pouzzner, formerly of New Britain, Conn., and a sister of Benjamin F. Pouzzner, publisher of the Sunday Telegram.

Deceased was well and favorably known in this city as a result of frequent visits, and her death will be sincerely mourned by her many devoted Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pouzzner left this morning for New Britain, where the funeral services are to be held.

HOPE CHEST DRAWING

The drawing of the hope chest for which tickets were sold during the past weeks by the St. Peter's Girls' club was held last evening in St. Peter's school hall. William Russell of 12 Hudson street was the winner of the hope chest; $5 worth of groceries was won by Mrs. Gertrude Smith, of 149 Chapel street; centerpiece, Winifred Riley, 162 Branch street; centerpiece, Miss Elizabeth Baughn, Leverett street; centerpiece, Mrs. Slattery, Dudley court. The drawing was held under the direction of Rev. Francis L. Shea.

Lawrence street at 8.30 o'clock and proceeded to the church where at 9 o'clock a solemn high funeral mass was celebrated by the Rev. William J. Kerwin, O. M. I., cousin of the deceased assisted by the Rev. Francis Shea as deacon and the Rev. John M. Manion as sub-deacon. The choir rendered the Gregorian mass. At the offertory Miss May Ryan rendered the "Pie Jesu" and as the remains were leaving the church Mr. James E. Donnelly rendered the "O Meritum Passionis." The solos were rendered during the mass by Mr. Raymond Kelley and he also presided at the organ. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings and numerous spiritual bouquets from friends and relatives. The casket was borne by the following bearers: Messrs. John B. Kirwin, Joseph T. McCusker, John Brennan, John W. Kirwin, Patrick Cannon of Methuen and John Kiernan of Collinsville. Attending the funeral was Sister Vericonda of the Sisters of St. Mary's, Lockport, N. Y., a niece of the deceased and Sister Annastatia of Lockport, N. Y. The burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, the committal prayers were read at the grave by the Rev. William J. Kirwin, O.M.I. The funeral was largely attended and under the direction of Higgins Bros.

HILSON—The funeral of Charles Hilson took place yesterday afternoon from the Funeral chapel, 116 Appleton street, where services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannis, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal church. A delegation of the employes of the brass department of the Boston & Maine shops, where Mr. Hilson was employed for a long period, included William C. Edwards, William H. Palmer, Letson A. Rolfe and James E. Kennedy. There were numerous floral tributes. The bearers were James M. Cairns, H. L. Leighton, Frederick Smith, James Logan, Sidney Andrews and R. W. Hand. The body was forwarded to Schenectady, N. Y., where burial will take place in Vail cemetery. The arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck Son.

BRIERLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Cynthia C. Brierley took place last evening from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brook Southam, 57 Gates street, and was largely attended by friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. William B. Tuthill, D.D., pastor of the Eliot Union Congregational church. There were many beautiful tributes. The body was taken this morning to Sanford, Me., where services were held today and burial took place. The funeral arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

CROSS—The funeral of Charles F. Cross took place from his home, 277 Summer street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry Quimby, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The floral tributes were numerous. The bearers were Frank W. Brown, Harold E. Denno, Theodore T. Tellier and James F. Grady. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. Arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

FRATUS—The funeral of Joseph Fratus, aged 1 year and 7 months, child of John and Laura Fratus, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 6 rear of 94 Tilden street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Joseph T. Grillo, officiating. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

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POLICE GUARD JACKSON AFTER SECOND ATTEMPT TO END LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—While Attorney-General Benton and examiners of the state department of insurance are investigating the books of the Eastern Mutual Insurance company of whose funds he is said to have invested $48,000 in oil stocks, Caleb S. Jackson, former treasurer of the company, today was under restraint at the city hospital after two attempts at suicide.

No charges have been placed against him and he is not under arrest. However, police officers guarded him while he was being transferred last evening from the hospital to which he was taken after police yesterday morning found him with his arms gashed with a razor in the gas-filled kitchenette of his home. When at a hospital he tore off his bandage and was ordered to the city hospital where he was placed in the ward guarded by male orderlies.

Jackson yesterday in an interview confessed to having invested the company's and his own money in the oil

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SANTA DUE TOMORROW AT AYER HOME

Santa Claus will return to Lowell by special request tomorrow morning to pay an hour's call at Ayer home on Pawtucket street, before departing on the last leg of his return journey to the mystic Far North realms where all the gifts come from every Christmas eve.

Kris Kringle's bag of Yuletide largesse beneficent will not be entirely emptied before he arrives at the children's home presided over by Mrs. Walter M. P. Parr. Eighty-four boys and girls residing in the comfortable quarters on Pawtucket street will be the first to greet Santa when he stops with his tired reindeer and the sleigh containing the four last pouches of undelivered Christmas offerings. A host of visiting children from many Lowell homes, will also be there to make the ancient mansion house ring with tidings of joy unrestrained.

The Ayer home observance of Christmas day starts at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Visitors will arrive before that hour, and many gifts are usually brought along for distribution from the big decorated Christmas tree already installed in the sunny playroom.

The entertainment program will include cantatas, singing of solos and duets, dialogues and a playlet entitled "December." A feature of the concert will be the return of a former resident of the Ayer Home—Lester Monette—who is now a violin player. He romped with other young people in the Pawtucket street institution for ten years, and it is just like home now, when he returns each Christmas day from afar. Monette has agreed to play several selections for the present inmates of the home. He was graduated three years ago.

Fifteen boys and girls will appear in the playlet, and there will be special music and singing numbers.

Santa Claus is expected to arrive before noon, then will come the grand distribution of gifts from the big tree. Oranges and candy will be included in Santa's bountiful giving, and there will also be many other gifts, contributed by sympathetic and always generous Lowell citizens, men and women. Several leading business men have arranged for the refreshments.

All of the dormitories are being decorated with Yuletide greenery and red and green crepe in profusion, this morning. Many Christmas bells of red are also being hung in windows and hallways.

At noon tomorrow, comes the annual Christmas dinner, and this one promises to be a record-breaker. There will be fresh-killed turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, turnips, onions, rolls, ice cream and cake!

The afternoon hours will be spent in happy romping through the great high-ceilinged rooms and halls of the old Ayer mansion residence, and then comes another festive affair for the children's entertainment, calling for a short merry march to Pawtucket Congregational church. At this haven of Yuletide celebration, warm-hearted women folks have arranged to distribute more gifts and refreshments to the young folks who reside in Ayer home.

Bad Day for Shopping

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rain, snow or no snow, tonight will see the usual Christmas eve crowd in the stores and buying will continue right up to closing time.

Without exception, big downtown store managers report a Christmas business during the past six or seven days of flattering proportions and when sales reports are checked up it is believed this season's trade record will be satisfactory and normal in comparison with recent years. Last Saturday and Monday were record shopping days and more than one merchant found Saturday's receipts considerable in excess of his best day in 1923. Monday's trading also was brisk and steady, while yesterday brought a falling-off and this morning it was all.

The usually dependable articles, such as handkerchiefs, neckties, belts and scarfs and mufflers sold rapidly and the sales of toys have bulked greater this year than ever before. Silk hosiery has been in demand and women's wear also has come in for considerable attention. Radio sets and accessories now are firmly established in the marts of trade and many dealers report it has been impossible to keep abreast of their radio orders. The Christmas greeting card business grows by leaps and bounds every year and this season was no exception.

Lowell Woman Arrested

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were fined $10 each, plus a comment by the presiding justice that in the future they confine their activities to their home town. The Sweet woman had pleaded guilty, and the Grennon woman, not guilty to the complaint.

According to the story as learned by the Lawrence police last night, the arrested parties were two of a quartet of women alleged to have been engaged in shoplifting in department stores during the Christmas holiday rush. Last night, the story goes, Mrs. Sweet lifted a bathrobe in the Magrath establishment and passed it over to her companion, who placed it in a large bag.

Suspecting that she had been detected in the act, Mrs. Sweet left the store hurriedly and, once outside, began to run across Essex street. In her haste, she failed to notice an approaching automobile owned and operated by Dr. Francis P. Cregg of Lawrence, and as a result she was knocked down and slightly injured. The doctor placed her in his car and removed her to a hospital for treatment of a sprained right thumb and minor bruises about the head. In the meantime, she was visited by her companion, Mrs. Grennon, and both were preparing to leave the institution when they were apprehended by Police Inspectors Heffernan and Dwyer, who had received word from the department store that the woman knocked down by the automobile answered the description of the one suspected of purloining the bathrobe.

At first both women denied that they were guilty of the offense, but at the police station, Mrs. Sweet broke down and admitted the whole affair, implicating Mrs. Grennon as her accomplice.

Yesterday Was Big Day At the Postoffice

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inclusive, Lowell postal authorities have handled the biggest business in the history of the city. The office is not swamped, but is continuously on the jump to keep ahead of the tremendous demands being made upon it.

Postmaster Xavier Delisle said today his men will "clean up" in good shape and that all mail received and picked up this evening will be delivered tomorrow. Only one delivery will be made tomorrow, in the forenoon, but it will be a complete one and will be made early because of orders from Washington which specifically state that all carriers shall be back at their stations at 11 a. m. so that the balance of the day may be a holiday in reality.

Cancellation machines have been running 24 hours a day since last Sunday. On Monday, the main office and branch offices faced a herculean task, with hundreds and hundreds of packages piling in on top of myriads of letters and cards. Postmaster Delisle said that without the branch stations the central office could not have even attempted to handle the mail.

Today's bad weather slowed up deliveries somewhat and the postal authorities are praying that freezing weather does not come in the wake of rain, for this condition would be extremely difficult to overcome.

One-Third of Force Indicted

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county grand jury of Capt. Dillon and Lieut. Edward John Kirk on charges of malfeasance. Of the 14 persons thus far indicted, 11 are members of the Weehawken police department. The finding of true bills against these police officers, in connection with the raiding of 47 alleged saloons in Jersey City and Newark by federal agents from New York city and the charge made by Samuel Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New Jersey, to the Jersey city commissioners that there are "a few hundred saloons open here," furnished the high lights of the prohibition enforcement situation yesterday.

Capt. Dillon and Lieut. Kirk were charged with responsibility for the alleged disappearance of a truck load of liquor from in front of the Weehawken police station on the night of Nov. 20. The truck was captured by Alfred H. Ransom, a federal prohibition agent, who is said to have testified that the liquor thereon was removed while he was telephoning in the station house.

May supreme happiness abound in every home at this yuletide, and may we continue to enjoy the same pleasant relationship with our patrons.

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SAVED POLISH BOY FROM DROWNING

How a young Polish lad was saved from death by drowning in the Concord river near the Church street bridge Monday afternoon is told by friends of Cornelius Murphy and Henry McGee, plumbers in the employ of J. J. Spillane & Co., who risked their own lives in a successful effort to save that of the youngster.

The lad, playing on thin river ice in the rear of Fayette street, ventured too far out and fell into the water as the thin coating of ice gave way. Murphy and McGee heard his cries for help and rushed to the river. One crawled out and placed a long pole under the boy's shoulders, while the other grasped an arm and together they pulled him to stronger ice and safety. After a thorough drying-out the lad showed no ill effects.

POLICE BRING MAN BACK FROM MAINE

After a 200-mile trip to Waterville, Me., Sergeant Philip Dwyer returned to this city this morning with Edward Leo Markee, who was arrested yesterday in the Maine city for the Lowell police on a warrant charging him with non-support of his wife.

Markee was arraigned on the charge before Judge Fisher in district court this morning and pleaded not guilty. His case was continued without finding for two months with the understanding that he pay $7 a week to his wife. He was released upon agreement to comply with this order.

A second defendant in a non-support case today, William Brennan, failed to put in an appearance and was defaulted.

The Bridge Referendum

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sult of action taken by the election commissioners yesterday in permitting several signers of the petition to withdraw their names by making a sworn statement to the effect that they so desired their names withdrawn.

The two attorneys made their appearance before the commissioners shortly after the office opened at 9 o'clock, and after entering protest against the withdrawal of signatures, asked permission to sit with the board during its certification of signatures on petition.

Their request created considerable discussion among the commissioners and it was finally decided to hold a special meeting. Following the meeting, which was private, the attorneys were told they could not sit with the commissioners during the certification, but the commissioners stated they would allow them to go over the lists of names after certification and would withhold signing a certificate of sufficiency or insufficiency, as the case may be, until such time as the petitioners' representatives have had an opportunity to go over the lists.

With this matter settled, the commissioners again went into private session and began the work of certifying the six thousand or more names which were signed to the referendum petition.

Under the charter, the election commissioners must return a certificate of sufficiency, or insufficiency to a petition within five days after it is delivered to them by the city clerk. The petition was filed with the commission Monday afternoon, and five days from then, not counting Christmas and Sunday, would make the certification necessary by Monday afternoon at the latest.

In the past, it has been found that not more than 25 per cent of the names signed to a petition were thrown out by the certification process, and if the same is true in this case, the petition will have the necessary number of signatures, slightly more than 4300.

The referendum petition calls for immediate action by the city council to rescind its vote in favor of the $125,000 appropriation, and this is taken by many to believe that a special meeting of the council will have to be called as soon as the certification is completed.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS ABROAD IN LOWELL

Christmas on the morrow, with its wide-spreading of good cheer, holiday merry-making and distribution of seasonable offerings to friends and loved ones in commemoration of the happiest event in the world's history, promises to be celebrated in Lowell and the surrounding towns with more elaborate programs than ever, signalling the growing Yuletide spirit evident at the close of each passing year.

Traffic upon all cars entering the heart of Lowell's merchandising district this afternoon was heavier than ever despite the inclemency of the weather. The last day's efforts on the part of tardy buyers of Yuletide gifts showed the presence of a good-sized throng in the down-town streets and stores.

Tonight, the first of the annual Christmas celebration programs are scheduled. Many country towns are to hold community tree exercises for the first time. Lowell's handsome tree in front of Memorial Auditorium, will be brilliantly lighted and the program to be given under municipal direction, is one that has never been surpassed. St. Anne's church, First Congregational and Swedish Congregational choirs are to join in the chorus at the Auditorium plaza celebration.

Church choirs in many instances are to move through residential sections, singing carols, the journeys to be made in some instances after the children's exercises close in the vestries of the religious edifices.

At midnight, solemn high masses will be celebrated in most of the Catholic churches of the city, except at St. Michael's and St. Patrick's churches, where the masses will be low. At St. Anne's church there will be a service of holy communion at 11 p. m., with St. Cecilia's choir.

All local restaurants and hotels have arranged for Christmas eve celebrations, featuring special banquet menus and providing Yuletide decorations and in some cases mementoes. Numerous social organizations will conduct dances, every Lowell hall having been engaged for individual festivities. Fraternal lodges will also observe Christmas eve, with trees, special music and in some cases dancing until the midnight hour.

Jury Out All Night on Case

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ing that it had reached an agreement. Reports said that the jury had been in disagreement over the degree of guilt.

The jurors stated after the verdict that the jury had been unanimous for finding both defendants guilty from the first ballot, but that there had been wide difference as to the punishment to be inflicted upon Mrs. Sweetin.

The decision as to her, the jurors said, represented a compromise.

Only two of the jurors had favored infliction of the death penalty upon Hight. None voted for the hanging of Mrs. Sweetin.

The defendants received the verdict in silence and with no outward display of emotion.

Defense attorneys gave notice that they would ask for a new trial.

The case went to the jury shortly after 10 o'clock last night after seven hours of argument during which the state demanded the death penalty for both defendants.

Judge J. C. Kern instructed the jury on six possible verdicts:

Guilty of murder, with death as the punishment; guilty of murder, with life imprisonment; guilty of murder, with not less than 14 years' imprisonment; guilty of manslaughter; not guilty, and not guilty by reason of insanity.

Hight and Mrs. Sweetin retained their composure under a bitter arraignment in the final argument of Frank G. Thompson, prosecutor.

"They stand there two murderers equally guilty under the law," Thompson said to the jury. "Under your oaths do your duty."

Hight and Mrs. Sweetin are under indictment also for the poisoning of Mrs. Hight.

RECORD VOTE FOR COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—President Coolidge received 15,718,789 of the 28,920,070 votes cast for the three leading presidential candidates in the November election. His two principal opponents, John W. Davis and Robert M. LaFollette, received respectively 8,378,563 and 4,822,319 votes.

These official returns, complete from all sections of the country, give Mr. Coolidge the largest plurality ever recorded for a candidate—7,336,827, or 3,1,980 more than Warren G. Harding's plurality in 1920. The Harding count of 16,152,200, however, was greater by 113,411 than his successor's because the total four years ago was shared in the main by only one other leading candidate, James M. Cox.

M'COY IN CELL, JURY EXCUSED FOR HOLIDAY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—"Kid" McCoy sat in his cell in the county jail today while the jury which will determine his fate on a charge of killing Mrs. Theresa Mors was liberated until after Christmas.

Arguments in the former pugilist's trial were completed in superior court late yesterday with the prosecution demanding a verdict of first degree murder.

In his closing argument District Attorney Ostrom declared it was not pleasant, on the threshold of Christmas, to be demanding the death penalty for any man, but "if we have not law enforcement, what is to become of us?"

Plane Crahsed to Ground and Burst Into Flames

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lieved it was flying low, that it suddenly banked, cleared a nearby house and then staggered in the air. Almost immediately a gust of wind caught the plane, its tail shot up, it went into a nose dive and fell like a stone. Immediately the machine touched the ground it burst into flames.

"I ran to the spot," said the eye-witness, "but by the time I got there the whole machine had burned away. The only things I could see unconsumed were the two wheels of the under carriage. In the wreckage I could see the charred remains of bodies—that of the pilot in front. All the passengers must have died instantaneously."

Fire brigades from Purley and Croydon hurried to the spot but were unable to arrive in time to be of any assistance. Even when they reached the machine the firemen could not approach because of the fiercely burning debris. The crowds of people which ran to the scene shortly after the accident also were helpless to aid the imprisoned passengers. They could only watch the flames.

The only thing left to do when the fierce blaze subsided was to take out the charred bodies. These were removed to the police mortuary.

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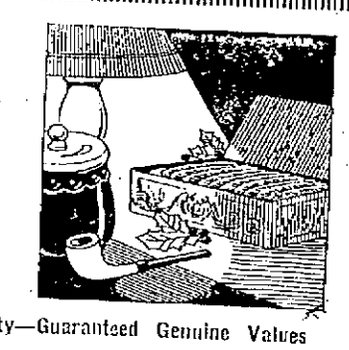

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RADIO IN GERMANY

21,000 Subscribers at Beginning of Year—Christmas Finds 500,000 Registered

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The growth of radio in Germany is strikingly illustrated by figures given out by the postoffice department, which is in control of the broadcasting field. Whereas at the beginning of the year only 21,000 radio subscribers were listed with the department, Christmas finds 500,000 subscribers.

Dr. Hans Bredow, the secretary in charge of the service, estimates that the number of new subscribers per month will average about 100,000 for some time to come.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

6 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7 p. m.—Market reports.
7.05 p. m.—Christmas story for the children by Thornton W. Burgess; a few minutes with Santa Claus.
7.30 p. m.—Orpheus Club ensemble; Philharmonic trio.
8.30 p. m.—Christmas carols by E. R. Stream, organist, and the choir of the First Unitarian society of Newton.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather reports.
11 p. m.—Hotel Brunswick orchestra.
11.45 p. m.—Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

WAHG, RICHMOND HILL

8 p. m.—Current Events, H. V. Kaltenborn.
8.30 p. m.—Prize limerick contest.
8.40 p. m.—Marjorie Swem, soprano.
8.55 p. m.—Prize music memory contest.
9.05 p. m.—Dick's Ukulele club.
9.40 p. m.—Arthur Richter, piano.
9.50 p. m.—Kay Macrae, soprano.
10.10 p. m.—Fannie Kamenkourtz, piano.
10.20 p. m.—Kay Macrae, soprano.
10.40 p. m.—Madeleine Southworth, contralto.
10.55 p. m.—Hebert Hurowitz, piano; Phil Olstein, violin.
11.10 p. m.—Maudo Applegit, soprano.
11.35 p. m.—Chorus.

WOR, NEWARK

6.20 p. m.—Robert Treat orchestra.
6.55 p. m.—Sports resume.
8 p. m.—Ingraham's orchestra.
8.30 p. m.—Talk, "Topics of the Day."
8.45 p. m.—Grace Church choir.
9.15 p. m.—A Christmas Message, the Rev. J. S. Carlile.
9.30 p. m.—Caruso's Concert ensemble.
10.15 p. m.—Grace Church choir.
10.45 p. m.—Concert.
11.15 p. m.—Perry and Russell, songs.
11.45 p. m.—Lupino Lane, songs and monologues.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA

5.40 p. m.—Police reports.
5.45 p. m.—Grand organ; trumpets.
6 p. m.—Civic chorus; Civic band.
7.30 p. m.—Sport results; police reports; Adelphia orchestra.
8.15 p. m.—Christmas dinner of the Provost, J. H. Penneman, direct from Houston hall; address by Provost Penneman; male quartet.
9.15 p. m.—Orchestra; L. J. Howell, baritone; Margaret Eberbach, soprano.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather.
10.05 p. m.—Christmas address, E. J. Cattell.
10.20 p. m.—Nobis Nobis Club Christmas program.

WDAR, PHILADELPHIA

8 p. m.—Current Events, by Dr. G. E. Raiguel.
8.15 p. m.—Conversation Corner; travel talk; artist recital; Green Hill Farms orchestra.
10 p. m.—Arcadia orchestra.

WGY, SCHENECTADY

5.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
6 p. m.—Market quotations; news.
6.30 p. m.—Santa Claus; music.
11.30 p. m.—Stephen Boisclair, organist; Rose Mountain, contralto; Marion Brewer, soprano.

WEEI, BOSTON

6.30 p. m.—Sinfonians orchestra.
7 p. m.—Big Brother club meeting.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
7.45 p. m.—Glee club concert.
8.15 p. m.—Methodist church choir.
9.30 p. m.—Baptist church choir.
11 p. m.—Organ recital.
11.30 p. m.—Lyric quartet.

WNAC, BOSTON

6 p. m.—Children's half-hour.
6.30 p. m.—Checker Inn orchestra.
7.30, p. m.—St. Paul cathedral music.
8 p. m.—Carol music.
10 p. m.—Boston common Christmas eve celebration.

7.30 p. m.—To be announced.
8.30 p. m.—Christmas carol, read by Elizabeth Field.
8.15 p. m.—Bob Lawrence Christmas program.
10.30 p. m.—Chimes concert.
11 p. m.—Cantata, The Christ Child.
12 p. m.—Sacred Heart church midnight mass.

WGR, BUFFALO

6.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
7.30 p. m.—News.
8 p. m.—Prehistoric Monsters of western New York, W. L. Bryant.
9 p. m.—Music.
11 p. m.—Supper music.

KDKA, PITSBURGH

6.15 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
8 p. m.—Christmas carol, read by Prof. W. M. Parrish.
8.30 p. m.—Trio.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather forecast.
11 p. m.—Methodist church program.
12 p. m.—Chimes concert.

WWJ, DETROIT

7 p. m.—The Detroit News orchestra; C. Coates, baritone.
10 p. m.—Goldkette's orchestra.
11 p. m.—Christmas carol service from St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral.

WLW, CINCINNATI

9 p. m.—Orchestra; songs.
10 p. m.—Formless band.
1 a. m.—Sacred Heart church midnight mass.

KYW, CHICAGO

9 p. m.—Music; talks; theatrical review.
10.45 p. m.—Midnight revue; news every half hour.

WEBH, CHICAGO

8 p. m.—Orchestra; vocal and instrumental solos.
10 p. m.—Orchestra; readings; vocal and instrumental solos.
10 p. m.—Music.

WGN, CHICAGO

7.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
9 p. m.—Vocal and instrumental solos.
11 p. m.—Chapman's orchestra; songs.

WMAQ, CHICAGO

8 p. m.—Christmas carols from

MORE INVENTIONS THAN HE CAN HANDLE

(By NEA Service)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Applications for radio patents have so swamped the patent office that a new department has had to be created especially for this work.

At the head of this division of the patent office is C. D. Backus, who for the last 14 years has been examining inventions in the electrical energy division. His department is known as the "radiant energy division."

In the few years that radio has

C. D. BACKUS

become popular, Backus says he has already turned down 10,000 applications for radio patents as "unpatentable." In the same time more than 2500 patents have been issued for radio inventions, and some 2000 are awaiting examination.

Leading Subjects

Applications are continuing to come in at the rate of about 20 a week! "By the trend of the designs submitted," says Backus, "inventors are interested most in the elimination of static in reception, substitution of short for long waves and in television."

Improvements to present radio equipment occupy most of the applications submitted. And these are based mostly on one or the other of the designs Backus says are so popular.

Unlimited Variety

Yet no change in radio seems too small or too important for the radio examiners. Improvements submitted range from the tiny crystal receiver to a method of worldwide secret transmission.

Inventors from all countries apply for patents here although most applications come from Americans. Duplication of ideas comes often, and even are sumitted almost at the same time.

The result is that court of "interference," similar to the civil court of equity, has to be maintained to "try" such cases between inventors.

SHORT C

Things to Know in Building and Operating a Receiver

Make your own flexible socket base by mounting it on a piece of wood two inches square and putting two screw eyes on each of two opposite sides of the block of wood. Through each pair of screw eyes run a rubber band which previously has been fastened an inch off the baseboard with screws and drawn fairly taut. This forms a cradle for the socket.

Mount an auto dash lamp on the panel of your set if the family quarrels with you for causing the electric light bills to soar. This dash lamp can be run economically on the A-battery.

To relieve yourself of trouble with corrosion at the A-battery clips, solder or clamp a piece of solder wire about six inches long to the battery terminal and connect these to the copper leads.

A cloth bag containing lime will prevent dampness in coils of a radio set if it is placed inside the cabinet.

Put an old dry cell in the coil of your crystal set and see if signal strength is not improved.

GOING

Sparks are on the wane, says George S. Davis, above, radio shipping authority. But their abolition will cost millions to shippers.

METAL SPOILS LOOP

Directional loops are hampered in reception by metal structures or parts of buildings. The magnetic properties of nearby metal cause a "shadow" to fall across the loop and diminish its receiving qualities.

Northwestern university.
9.30 p. m.—W. F. E. Gurley, reader.
10 p. m.—Playlet, The Christmas Carol.

RADIO BROADCASTS

CHRISTMAS DAY

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

6.30 p. m.—Hotel Lenox ensemble.
7.05 p. m.—Bedtime story.
7.15 p. m.—Letter from the New England Homestead, At the theatres, A. L. S. Wood.
7.45 p. m.—St. James orchestra.
8.15 p. m.—Idna Jeffcott, soprano.
8.30 p. m.—Concert.
8.45 p. m.—St. John's Congregational church senior choir.
9 p. m.—Concert.
9.15 p. m.—St. John's Congregational church senior choir.

WGY, SCHENECTADY

6.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
7.45 p. m.—Books, W. F. Jacob.
8 p. m.—Cantata, The Hope of the World.

WEEI, BOSTON

6 p. m.—Mansion Inn orchestra.
7 p. m.—Big Brother club meeting.
7.30-8.30 p. m.—Musicale.
9 p. m.—Concert.
10.30 p. m.—Sinfonians orchestra.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH

6.15 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus And Mrs. Santa Claus talk it over.
7.45 p. m.—Christmas music.
8.30 p. m.—Orchestra.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather forecast.

WSAI, CINCINNATI

11 p. m.—Howard Halford, tenor; Oramby Ballinger, soprano; string quartet.

WLW, CINCINNATI

11 p. m.—Clyde service message.
11.03 p. m.—Orchestra; zither quartet; instrumental trio; vocal solos.

WHAS, LOUISVILLE

8.30 p. m.—Rapp's orchestra; Wright and Bessinger, songs; Sunday school lesson; welfare talk; news; time announced at 10 o'clock.

WEBH, CHICAGO

8 p. m.—Orchestra; songs.
10 p. m.—Orchestra; songs; golf lesson.
12 p. m.—Orchestra; revue; vocal and instrumental solos.

KYW, CHICAGO

9.20-10.20 p. m.—C. J. Pernin, reader.
11 p. m.-12.50 a. m.—Studio program; Coon-Sanders orchestra; news every half hour.

WNYC, NEW YORK

8 p. m.—Brooklyn Strand theatre Christmas program.

WJZ, NEW YORK

4.30 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
7 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
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service direct from Metropolitan Tower; Os-Ke-Non-Ton, tenor; from foot of tree, Gloria Trumpeters and talk, History of the Tree.
9 p. m.—Clara Novello Davies' Artist Choir of twenty voices.
9.45 p. m.—Bellaciaire trio.
10.30 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria dance orchestra.

WOBS, NEW YORK

6.30 p. m.—Society orchestra.
8 p. m.—Current topics.
8.30 p. m.—European Plays, O. M. Sayler.
9 p. m.—Reading of O. Henry's Gift of the Magi, Randolph Sommerville.
9.30 p. m.—Christmas carol.
10 p. m.—William Stewart, Christmas verses.
10.30 p. m.—H. F. Noble, tenor.
11 p. m.—Piccadilly theatre music.

WHN, NEW YORK

6.30 p. m.—Alamac orchestra.
7.10 p. m.—Employment broadcasting.
10.25 p. m.—Talk, What Becomes of Old Watches?
10.30 p. m.—Club Madrid orchestra; songs.
11 p. m.—Smith's orchestra.
12 p. m.—Symphonic Clowns orchestra.
12.30 p. m.—Gold's orchestra.

WOR, NEWARK

4 p. m.—Cantata, The Messiah.
6.15 p. m.—Radio for the Layman, A. E. Senn.
6.30 p. m.—Society orchestra.
7.15 p. m.—Sports resume.

WEAF, NEW YORK

7.00 p. m.—New York Federation of Churches Christmas service.
7.30 p. m.—A Christmas Carol, read by Charles Mills; Grace McDermott, violin; Mayr Burgum, piano; William Wessel, chimes.
8.15 p. m.—St. James' Episcopal church boys' choir.
9.00 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria orchestra.
9.15 p. m.—Choir of St. Bartholomew's church, Bethlehem.
10.10 p. m.—Aida brass quartet.
10.25 p. m.—Choir of St. Bartholomew's church, Bethlehem.
10.45 p. m.—Yap's Hawaiian Ensemble.
11.00 p. m.—Alda Brass Quartet.
11.15 p. m.—Yap's Hawaiian Ensemble.

WNYC, NEW YORK

7.30 p. m.—Police alarms.
8.00 p. m.—Hunter College concert.
9.30 p. m.—Rialto Theatre Christmas program.
10.30 p. m.—Police alarms; weather forecasts.

WJZ, NEW YORK

4.00 p. m.—Edmont Hains, cornet.
4.30 p. m.—Hotel Belmont ten minute.
5.30 p. m.—Farm reports; closing quotations of the New York stock exchange; foreign exchange quotations; news.
7.00 p. m.—Santa Claus.
7.05 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
8.00 p. m.—Financial review.
8.10 p. m.—Sociology, Professor E. G. Payne.
8.30 p. m.—Play, Goin' Home for Christmas.
9.45 p. m.—Captain Longbottom, swinging harp.
10.00 p. m.—To be announced.
10.30 p. m.—Greenwich Village Inn orchestra.
11.30 p. m.—Rose Mountain, contralto; Malon Brewer, soprano; Stephen Boiselair, organist, from WGY, Schenectady.

WGBS, NEW YORK

6.00 p. m.—Uncle Geobee.
6.30 p. m.—Clarence Williams, Eva Taylor and Clarence Todd, entertainers.
7.00 p. m.—Ed Squire's One Man Show.

WHN, NEW YORK

5.00 p. m.—De Droit's orchestra.
6.30 p. m.—Alamac orchestra.
7.00 p. m.—Richman's Entertainers; Elkins' orchestra.
8.00 p. m.—Talk, College Clothes.
9.30 p. m.—Dance orchestra.
10.00 p. m.—Clover Gardens Dance orchestra.
12.00 p. m.—Strand Entertainers.

THE VOICE FROM KQV

Ever since boyhood, F. C. Potts delighted in delving into the mysterious. That's how he became interested in radio. He hasn't given up his hobby as announcer for station KQV at Pittsburgh, Pa. Now he reads every book he can get on psychology and other mysteries of the mind, and he's a nut on physical culture.

SANTA DISTRIBUTES HIS GIFTS BY RADIO

By N.E.A. Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—This will be a radio Christmas in more ways than ons.

Let alone the popularity of radio in the downtown stores at this time, broadcasting stations are taking it up, inviting Santa Claus to their studios and giving the children a new treat.

Broadcasting station WAHG, here, has devised a plan by which young and old will benefit. The Santa of this station has prepared a list of gifts for fans, ranging from a novelty or toy to a house and lot, fully equipped!

A postal card may win the best prize, so simple are the requirements for this Santa Claus contest. All WAGH's Santa wants is a card or letter from fans listening in on his program, and telling what they think of it. Of course, distance and method of conception will count.

Woman In It!

A peculiar characteristic of this Santa is "his" feminine voice. It belongs to the famous "Nancy Clancy," who acts as Santa's announcer at WAHG.

The radio Santa from WAHG will be on the air every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at 7.40 and 9 o'clock, eastern standard time. For the far west audience Santa appears on Saturday and Monday nights at 1 a. m., eastern time.

Here's the Address

If you get WAHG and hear Santa Claus, tell all about it in a letter and send it to this address:

Radio Santa Claus of WAHG,
Richmond Hill,
Long Island, N. Y.

There are prizes for all, young and old of both sexes. Included among them are a dozen of the latest Lyne Grebe synchophase receivers, loud speakers, tubes, batteries and other parts. There are toys for children and useful articles for men and women.

And, of course, the house and lot, complete even to a radio set, for the best letter.

MARINE SERVICES IN RADIO FIELD

There is a large variety of services for which ship radio sets are useful besides those essential to their own navigation. George S. Davis, head of the radio telegraph department of the United Fruit company, lists them as follows:

1. Distress or SOS calls, which all ships and all broadcasting stations must be ready to receive and answer.
2. Weather reports from ships, more than 25,000 of which are sent in to the United States weather bureau annually, and from which important weather forecasts are made.
3. Navigational aids, such as typographic reports, derelict reports, ice-patrol, radio beacon, radio compass.
4. Free medical service, in which advice of competent authorities is flashed from shore or some big liner is flashed from shore or some big to other ships.
5. Owner's service, including ship position reports, etc., of great intangible service.
6. Telepraphic and phone service for passengers, putting them in close touch with land.
7. Press service, in which daily news reports are broadcast from land to liners at sea.

GUIDED BY RADIO

Radio waves, from a wire run along the ground, may be a means of guiding the air transports from London to Paris and between other cities. The plan is being tested.

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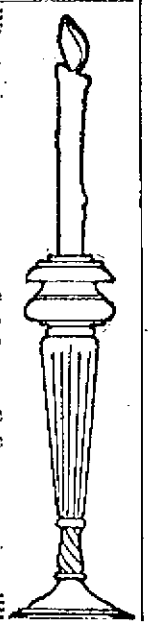

BOWLING

TALBOT MILL LEAGUE

Four interesting games were rolled in the Talbot Mill league on the Crescent alleys last night, W. Mullin of the Weavers set up the high total with the splendid mark of 843. Conway of the Finishing Room team had the high single, 134. He had a total of 331. Rosanik of the Dyehouse came next with a three string total of 820. The scores:

LOOM FIXERS

Horner	83	85	83	250
Chambers	101	82	78	261
McBride	86	91	79	256
Radcliffe	84	83	107	273
Hall	95	93	115	313
Totals	449	433	477	1359

WEAVERS

Butler	87	83	105	275
Bostwick	82	98	83	263
R. Condon	84	85	87	259
W. Mullin	116	112	115	343
Campbell	97	96	89	282
Totals	466	477	482	1425

DYEHOUSE

Mahoney	85	87	74	246
Olson	93	95	86	274
Nugent	101	81	85	267
Linehan	85	97	72	254
Rosanik	94	114	113	320
Totals	463	474	424	1361

SPINNERS

Chambers	75	73	93	249
Cullen	87	90	92	269
Sheehan	107	79	82	267
Collins	84	93	102	278
McNulty	101	99	99	299
Totals	467	463	473	1362

FINISHING

A. St. John, Jr...	71	83	91	245
Dole	90	105	99	294
A. St. John, Sr.	103	89	97	289
Conway	134	99	110	334
Ennison	92	88	83	262
Totals	490	456	479	1424

CARDING

H. Condon	96	84	101	281
Conlin	76	91	78	245
Maxwell, Sub	100	83	101	284
Lyons, Sub	91	96	96	283
Delehanty	100	94	106	300
Totals	463	448	482	1393

WOOL

Wain	82	92	76	250
T. McTeague	80	84	83	246
La Cosse	83	111	105	299
Nugent	100	77	101	278
J. McTeague	80	80	107	267
Totals	425	444	471	1340

OFFICE

Clark	88	86	73	247
Pattis	90	87	89	266
Ross	79	81	79	239
Fraser	77	81	81	239
McDonald	83	84	101	268
Totals	417	419	423	1359

CHELMSFORD CENTRE LEAGUE

TEAM THREE

McElroy	82	107	106	295
Stewart	95	108	87	290
Sub	91	86	83	260
Desmarais	107	98	107	312
Bunce	100	99	80	279
Totals	475	497	463	1435

TEAM TWO

Donovan	113	85	83	281
Kompton	93	92	98	283
Sub	82	98	87	267
E. Simard	91	108	94	293
F. Simard	97	106	90	293
Totals	476	489	452	1417

TEAM FOUR

M. Johnston	99	101	96	296
L. McElroy	95	93	106	295
Rose	89	89	84	262
Thursby	108	92	98	298
Brigham	98	93	94	285
Totals	489	468	478	1430

TEAM FIVE

Blume	82	86	103	271
Fogarty	85	99	104	288
Rosengard	90	98	76	264
Curtin	91	80	85	256
Baker	109	108	93	310
Totals	457	471	482	1359

TEAM SIX

E. Merrill	108	88	105	301
Webb	95	99	106	300
Peabody	85	102	96	283
Moshier	108	110	100	327
Todd	86	98	112	296
Totals	482	506	519	1507

TEAM ONE

R. Cole	101	89	81	271
J. Desmarais	101	82	116	299
Kneeland	90	106	96	292
Armstrong	91	89	115	295
Pemilman	103	95	97	294
Totals	486	461	502	1451

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

WAMESIT K. OF P.

Johnson	78	76	86	240
Toyo	75	77	85	237
Wood	74	99	91	264
Hankinson	80	81	83	264
Hoyle	84	79	118	281
Totals	401	412	463	1276

CENTRALVILLE

A. Esterbrook	83	83	90	256
A. Dixon	81	75	66	222
R. Fogg	82	97	98	277
Sub	74	78	83	233
R. Bigelow	107	123	95	325
Totals	427	464	427	1323

CLAN GRANT SECOND

Smith	89	80	66	241
Campbell	81	79	90	250
Middleton	84	93	83	260
Robertson	83	81	80	252
Ritchie	91	91	82	264
Totals	433	433	401	1267

HIGHLAND, 970, R. A.

Phinney	90	72	114	276
Bergeron	89	100	98	287
Sub	81	70	66	226
Streeter	97	104	93	294
Lafleur	85	84	90	259
Totals	442	430	455	1342

SONS OF ST. GEORGE

S. Burtt	97	88	87	272
D. Holgate	97	84	71	252
H. Marsh	93	92	101	286
A. Bennett	87	110	94	291
H. Dickinson	81	103	91	275
Totals	455	477	444	1376

CLAN GRANT

A. Angus	87	86	107	280
J. Fraser	96	87	95	278
D. Thompson	101	98	108	307
G. Boucher	90	101	100	291
A. McIntyre	99	90	98	286
Totals	473	462	578	1453

ROOSEVELT COUNCIL

Hughes	85	87	103	275
Myhr	87	106	84	276
Kenyon	87	93	98	278
Dooley	94	102	86	283
Totals	353	387	371	1111

LOWELL NO. 8

Murphy	88	100	91	279
Turnquist	94	78	81	253
Marshall	75	85	94	254
Edwards	97	89	111	297
Totals	354	353	377	1084

CO. D, M.N.G. LEAGUE

TEAM FOUR

Dixon	88	100	84	272
Shea	78	83	86	247
W. Fitzgerald	85	83	87	255
Tourtiott	69	84	66	219
J. Fitzgerald	84	122	84	290
Totals	404	472	407	1283

TEAM THREE

Minzga	83	88	92	263
Mack	66	78	76	220
Primeau	79	77	85	241
Camden	91	96	76	263
Grady	77	81	83	241
Totals	396	420	411	1227

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games were played in the City Basketball league in the Y.M.C.A. last night, the Iroquois defeating the Barretts 24 to 14, and the Lowell Boys' club taking the measure of the Rovers by a 24-11 count. The line-ups and summaries were:

BARRETTS		IROQUOIS
Sylvester, Turcotte	lf	rb, Laplante
Plouffe, Cormier	rf	lb, Roy, Monohan
P. Sullivan	c	c, Grysb
A. Sullivan	lb	rf, Ducharme
Coope	rb	lf, Forget

Summary: Score, Iroquois 24, Barretts 14. Goals: By Iroquois 10, Barretts 7. Fouls: By Iroquois 4. Time: Four 8-minute periods. Referee: Bruce Douglas. Timekeeper: Ratchin.

ROVERS		BOYS' CLUB
McLeon, Rancourt	lf	rb, Fadden
Choquette, rf	lb	Kokosika, Stanley
Romeo, Yafferty	c	c, Bugell
Whiteside, lb	rf	Ducharme
Hughes, Halls	rb	lb, Murray

Summary: Score, Boys' Club 24, Rovers 11. Goals: By Boys' Club 9, Rovers 3. Fouls: By Boys' Club 8, Rovers 5. Time: Four 8-minute periods. Referee: Towne. Timekeeper: Ratchin.

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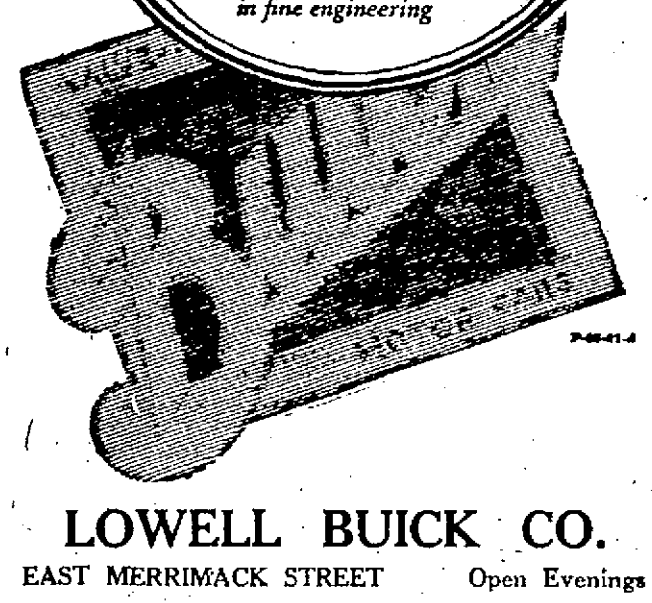

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POPE PROCLAIMS 23RD HOLY YEAR IN HISTORY OF PAPACY

Performs Picturesque Ceremony of Knocking Down Holy Door of Basilica of St. Peter's With Symbolic Gold Hammer—Panorama of Solemn Grandeur

ROME, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Pope Pius XI, surrounded by the splendor of medieval pageantry customary for such occasions, today proclaimed from the Vatican the twenty-third Holy Year in the history of the papacy and performed the picturesque ceremony of knocking down the holy door of the basilica of St. Peter's with the symbolic solid gold hammer.

The pontiff thus initiated a series of ceremonies which are expected to attract to Rome during the ensuing year millions of pilgrims from all over the world.

The regal magnificence of today's ceremony, the richness of the pontifical robes, the multicolored uniforms of the various branches of the Vatican forces, and the draperies and canopies that lent gorgeous color to the general background left a panorama of solemn grandeur imprinted on the minds of the favored hundreds who saw the ceremony at close range and the thousands who filled the spacious basilica and overflowed into the expansive square in front.

By far the most impressive part of this age-old yet ever new ceremony was that in which the pope, holding in his right hand the little gold hammer which somewhat resembles in shape an ordinary chairman's gavel, struck thrice the massive holy door, which, in accordance with plans previously worked out by the "sampietrini" —the corps of workmen permanently employed to keep the great edifice in repair—yielded to these blows, gradually falling open. It will remain open during Holy Year, after which the door will be replaced and will remain closed another 25 years until opened again by the same ceremony.

Ceremony Every 25 Years

Immediately after the holy door had fallen open and was rolled away on casters that previously had been attached, the news was proclaimed by the pealing of the bells of the great mother church, in which the bells of all the other 400 churches of the eternal city joined.

The inhabitants of Rome usually are more or less indifferent toward ceremonies in St. Peter's, which pilgrims from afar would almost give a right hand to see, but the ritual of opening the holy door, coming as it does only every 25 years, was enough today to lift the occasion far above the ordinary. It therefore served as a magnet not only for the thousands of pilgrims and tourists who already have arrived, but also for tens of thousands of Romans who can see the great dome of Michaelangelo any time as they go about their daily tasks.

All around the portico, even under the statue of Constantine, were tribunes and boxes decorated in red and gold for the diplomatic corps, the Roman aristocracy, the Order of Malta, the family of the pope, and one section reserved for members of visiting royal families. In a special place facing the throne was erected a stand for the Sistine choir, conducted by Abbe Lorenzo Perosi, and for the six heralds with their six famous silver trumpets for announcing the arrival and departure of the pope.

The main aisle of the basilica had been railed off, leaving it free for the papal procession, while the remainder of the interior was reserved for the public.

When everything was ready for the ceremony to begin the pontiff was carried from his apartments in a closed sedan chair which first halted in the the Sistine chapel, where His Holiness knelt to worship. Taking the censer offered him by Cardinal Merry del Val, first ranking member of the Order of Priests in the Sacred college, the pontiff incensed three times the blessed sacrament, while the Sistine choir sang "Veni Creator."

Pontifical Procession

As the pontifical procession left the Sistine chapel each of its members bore aloft a lighted candle, and all chanted liturgical verses. Upon reaching the entrance to the great nave of St. Peter's the procession halted a few moments while the pope left the sedan chair, and before proceeding through the nave, was lifted into the famous Sedia Gestatoria. Here also the holy father donned the white and gold mitre. The Sedia Gestatoria was preceded by a group of Swiss guards in their gold, blue and red striped uniforms. In the procession also were members of the various religious orders, chaplains, private chamberlains and numberless ecclesiastics, dressed in variously colored uniforms. Then came functionaries carrying the triple crown, the jeweled mitre and the papal cross, flanked on either side by lighted candles.

There followed a striking group of mitred abbots. All the members of the College of Cardinals living in Rome, or who came for the purpose, were present, except Cardinals Delai, Vannutelli and Pompili, who meanwhile were opening the holy doors of the basilicas of St. Paul's, Santa Maria Maggiore and St. John Lateran, respectively. Each cardinal in the procession was accompanied by a train-bearer and by a master of ceremonies in Elizabethian costume.

The arrival of the pope in the portico was heralded by the six silver trumpets sounding the celebration pontifical march composed by Lought. While everybody knelt he descended from the Sedia Gestatoria and went to the papal throne. All eyes turned toward the pope, who, after praying, ascended the steps leading to the holy door and struck it three times with the golden hammer, saying as he did so: "Aperite mihi portas justitiae." And the singing chaplains answered: "Ingressus in eas confitebor domino."

The blows of the golden hammer struck a large slate tablet put up for the purpose, on which a cross had been engraved. The yielding of the door to the pontiff's blows was not immediate. He went back to his throne, and it was only then—several moments later—that the master of ceremonies, by means of a special yellow silk rope at the other end of which a bell was attached, notified the "sampietrini" on the other side that the ceremony was over and that the door might now be let down. Slowly the massive door was lowered and was immediately rolled away.

Bells of 400 Churches Toll

This done, the penitentiaries of the Vatican basilica, using sponges, washed with holy water all the parts of the aperture left bare after the holy door was removed, and also dried these parts by specially blessed towels. At this moment the bells of St. Peter's followed by those of Rome's other 400 churches, pealed forth the tidings that Holy Year had actually begun.

Simultaneously the pope, standing erect on the throne, chanted prayers of thanksgiving for having granted him grace for inaugurating the Holy Year and the Sistine choir sang the sublime music of Palestine. Then the pope, holding a lighted candle in his left hand and a cross in his right, went to the holy door and knelt on its threshold, singing the Te Deum. The pontiff was the first to cross the threshold, followed by Cardinals Bisleti and Lega, and then by all the other cardinals, who kissed the doorpost as they passed.

Pius then went into the chapel of the Pieta, where he entrusted the custody of the holy door for the ensuing year to the religious brotherhoods of Rome. In so doing he delivered an address in which he recalled the meanings of the holy year and holy door. He explained that the holy door is symbolical of the marvelous eternal doors of the City of God, to which admission is granted only to those who have purified themselves through expiation or through acquiring indulgence. He emphasized the importance of the injunction that the holy door should never be profaned, and ended.

After a short rest the pope again entered the Sedia Gestatoria and, in the same procession as that preceding the opening of the holy door, was carried to the altar of the confession in the center of the basilica directly underneath the great dome.

Standing on the altar, the holy father, after having read the ritual formula of the benediction, imparted the apostolic blessing to the kneeling multitude. Afterward, Cardinals Bieleti and Lega read in the Latin and Italian languages the formula of the plenary indulgences granted for the jubilee year.

This over, His Holiness, still carried in the same procession, retired to his apartments, and the ceremony was ended.

In the afternoon the main doors of St. Peter's were thrown open to the public and great streams of devout followers flowed past the holy door, each kissing the doorpost as he passed.

A Hawaiian proverb says that the world was made out of a gourd.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO NAVY BY SEC. WILBUR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to the navy with an expression of sympathy for those bereaved by deaths in the service and campaigns for the work of the last year have been made public by Secretary Wilbur.

"I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps and to all civilians connected with the service and their families, especially to those in our hospitals," said the secretary's message. "I congratulate you all that your work was well done this year and confidently expect that you will uphold the traditions and reputation of the service for loyalty and devotion in the coming year.

"Let us also remember in this holiday season those in the service who during the past year have yielded the last full measure of devotion and loyalty; the relations and friends thus bereaved will be sustained and comforted by a knowledge that we remember the loss and the service so devotedly rendered."

CLUB MEMBERS HOSTS TO CHILDREN

Children of the Centralville district will be guests of the Centralville East End club tomorrow afternoon at Christmas tree exercises at Varnum park, and every child attending will be given a bag of gifts by the club Santa Claus. Every child in Centralville is invited to attend and the club has made arrangements to properly care for each and every one.

Christmas dinner supplies for 50 needy families in the district were distributed by club members this afternoon, and the club is taking every step possible to see that everyone in the district is in a position to celebrate Christmas day in a happy manner.

ANNUAL SOUVENIR DINNER

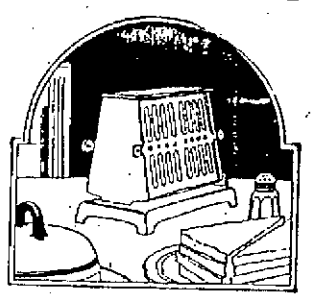
Plans for the annual souvenir dinner of the Lowell Advertising club, in Memorial Auditorium New Year's eve, have been completed and the committee in charge states that both prizes and entertainment will be better than at previous similar dinners. Tickets are now available to the public, as the membership has been taken care of, and persons desirous of attending are urged to obtain their tickets at once.

India is the second largest cotton growing country in the world.

HELD CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held last evening by the occupants of the Appleton Bank building in the building and was largely attended by office tenants, their wives and office workers. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was the centre of attraction and from this amusing gifts were distributed. A buffet luncheon followed the tree exercises, and several of the business men present were called upon for remarks by Toastmaster James Stuart Murphy.

Something Special for Xmas



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All Merry Christmas

The Shepherds and the Holy Child

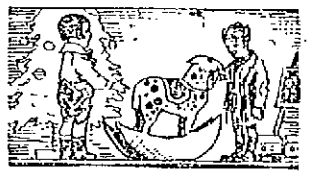
CHRISTMAS - EVE BED-TIME STORY

Santa Claus is coming to visit you tonight.

After you are sound asleep he will slip down the chimney or maybe through the front door, and he is going to leave you presents.

And he will leave hurriedly, for he must see all the millions of little boys and girls who are waiting for him to come.

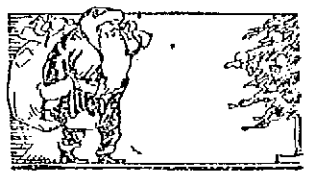
All year long he has been waiting



for the time to pay you this visit. In his home in the far north he has worked day and night to have a well-filled pack of joy for little boys and girls.

He knows that he will make you happy. And tomorrow, when you see what Santa has left for you, you must be happy.

It will be impossible for him to see every little boy and girl and there will be some who will pass their Christmas without the happiness you will have.



Even though he may not bring you everything you have wished for, he will leave you everything that he can.

He must save something for the other little girls and boys. Little Jimmy Thompson must have a sled and Mary O'Toole would cry if she didn't get a big doll to play with.

So tomorrow when you go out to play, remember that Santa Claus has been very good to you and if you see a little girl or boy whom Santa has missed, give them some of your candy.

Or let them play with your toys. For if you do Santa will like you. And when you grow to be a great big man Santa will bring you joy for having remembered to help him spread Christmas happiness.

For Santa loves those who love others.

Sh-h-h!

You mustn't make a sound! 'Twould spoil the dream
Of one whose thoughts are filled with tender joys.
He sleeps in peace! Then Santa comes—unseen.
And fills his little tockies up with toys.
To steal a look, had planned this little child.
But—let him sleep—and let his dreams run wild.

A Christmas Story

BY ALBERT APPLE

A phantom man from Mars, exploring in an airplane, visited our earth. He landed at night in a clearing at the center of a forest. Leaving his plane, he set forth to a great city and mingled for days among the people.

Now, this man from Mars had a magical power of making himself invisible. So no one saw him.

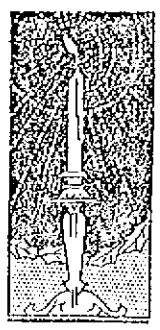
Returning to Mars, he reported: "The earth people impressed me as selfish, self-centered. It's every man for himself. They scheme against each other and are guilty of meanness, even crimes, in a struggle to get more wealth than they need. Life on earth is a hard fight, wearisome, disappointing. The earthlings are not yet sufficiently civilized to realize that they would be richer and happier by co-operating—by helping instead of opposing each other. The result is that in a world of plenty there are millions of unfortunates who have only the bare necessities of life. Envies and jealousies are rife. It must be a wretched place to live."

The Martians sent their phantom explorer back to earth. He arrived on Christmas eve, spent a few days and returned home amazed. This time he reported:

"The earthlings have a most extraordinary festival known as Christmas. On this day, every one is generous, kind, happy. It is the only day in the year when the goal of the earthlings is to give instead of to get. With thrills of pleasure they bestow gifts on their beloved ones. They seek out the poor and help them liberally. All is peace, happiness, good fellowship."

The phantom explorer paused and eyed his bewildered listeners.

"The remarkable part of Christmas on earth," said he, "is that the earthlings realize Christmas is the happiest day of the year by reason of this Christmas spirit. It seems not to occur to them that all other days could be as happy if the Christmas spirit were in force all the time instead of just one day a year. Perhaps, later when they see the light, every day will be like Christmas. 'True happiness is in unselfishness, liberality and helping others."



THE REVOLT OF THE TOYS.

A CHRISTMAS PLAY WITH A MORAL

BY DONN SUTTON

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A Christmas Play With a Moral

Characters:

Jack-in-the-Box.....Tin Cossack
Teddy Bear.....Ginger-Bread Doll
China Rabbit.....Rocking Horse
Little Boy

The Scene:

The front parlor, three nights after Christmas. . . . A low light burns. . . . The Christmas tree stands lop-sided, bedraggled and torn, in a corner of the room. . . . About the floor are scattered toys, marred and broken.

The marble clock on the mantel strikes twelve. . . . The battered toys are seen to stir. . . .

Jack-in-the-Box

(Comes out of his box with many squeaks and groans):

Oh, say,
I hope and pray
I'll never see another day
Like this . . .

Teddy Bear

(Blinks his remaining glass eye):

He jabbed my eyes
And pulled my ear,
Till I can't see
Nor hardly hear.

China Rabbit

(Hops across the floor on three legs):

This bunny's mad,
I'll tell you that;
He bit my leg
With a baseball bat.

Tin Cossack

(In rage):

He knocked me off my horseski
And took my swordski away . . .
Vodka! Vodka! . . .

Ginger-Bread Doll

He ate my hat and ate my curls,
And then he bit my ear;
He ate the shoes right off my feet—
He'll eat me, too, I fear!

Rocking Horse

(With an angry whinny):

He rides me in the morning,
He rides me in the night,
He beats me with a leather whip
Because I cannot bite.

All the Toys

We're beaten and broken and hammered apart
We're trampled and battered and shot,
We're set upon, sat upon, all through the day—
Oh, ours is a terrible lot!

(The room becomes filled with the mournful wails of the toys. Then the wailing turns to angry murmurs. . . .

The Jack-in-the-box shakes his head with vengeance. The Teddy Bear emits a low growl. The China Rabbit digs his claws into the carpet. The Tin Cossack finds his sword and waves it overhead. The Ginger-Bread Doll stamps her feet with feminine wrath. The Rocking Horse kicks high into the air).

Jack-in-the-Box:

Comrades . . . comrades . . . !

Teddy Bear:

Sh-h-h-h!

(The clamor in the room dies down).

Jack-in-the-Box

Comrades, the hour to strike is here!

China Rabbit:

Hear! Hear! Hear!

Jack-in-the-Box

Let's not delay, but follow me
As up the stairs I creep;
In a pink-walled room not far away,
The villain lies asleep!

(Very cautiously, whispering among themselves, the toys start up the stairway. As they tumble up the steps, a marvelous thing happens. The toys grow bigger and bigger and bigger. . . .

By the time they reach the door of the pink-walled room, they're life sized. All of them enter through the door except the Rocking Horse, who sticks his head through and neighs very loud.

The sound wakes up the Little Boy who lies in bed).

Little Boy

(Rubs his eyes):

Who's there?

Jack-in-the-Box

Six mutilated toys are we
Who've been afraid of you;
Tonight we've come to let you taste
The same thing we've been through.

Tin Cossack:

Come on—let's do our stuffski!

(All the toys come up to the bed with fearful cries).

Jack-in-the-Box

Let me twist his neck—

Teddy Bear:

Let me claw his eyes out—

China Rabbit:

I want to break his legs—

Tin Cossack:

I'll run my swordski through him—

Ginger-Bread Doll:

Let me tear his hair out—

Rocking Horse

(From doorway):

I'll kick over the wall onto him!

(Just as the toys are about to spring onto the Little Boy, a tremendous sound fills the room. . . It is the ringing of a great bell. . . . The toys stop dead in their tracks).

All the Toys

Oh! Oh! Oh!

(The bell keeps on ringing. . . . It is an alarm clock on the bureau. . . . And now another marvelous thing happens. The toys seem to grow smaller—and then melt away altogether into thin air).

Little Boy

(The ringing ceases):

Oh, mom! Oh, mom!

Voice in Another Room:

What is it, sonny?

Little Boy

(Sobs):

Oh, mom, I've had a fearful dream
To tell all girls and boys—
Perhaps 'twill make them want to be
More careful with their toys!

Curtain.

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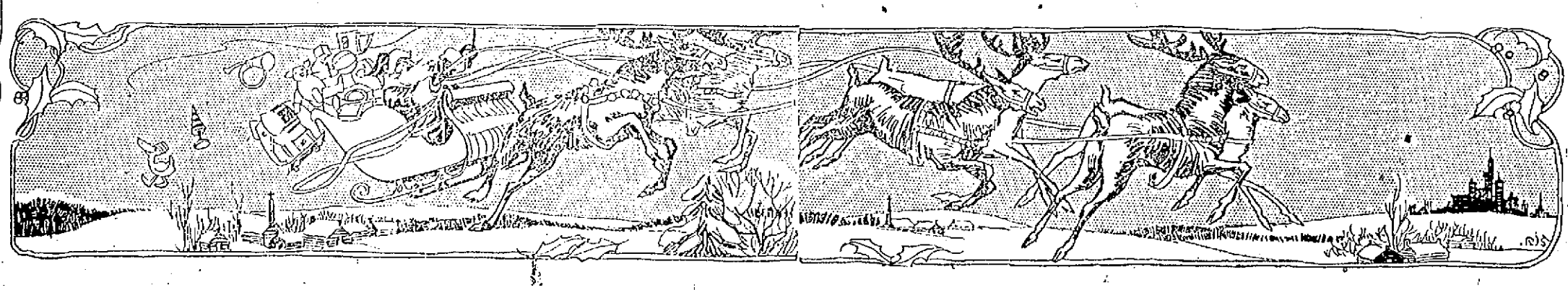
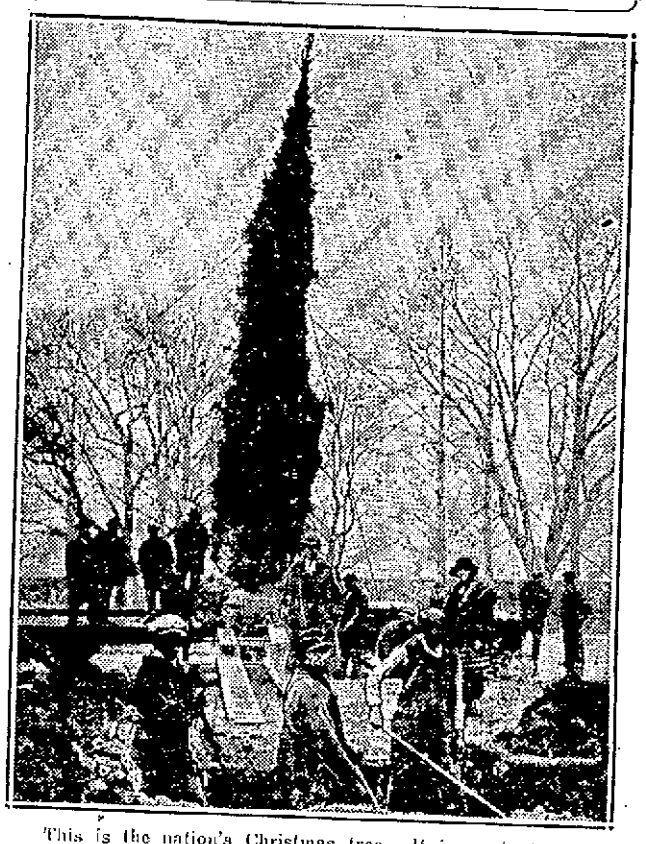


A Merry Christmas

America's Christmas Tree



This is the nation's Christmas tree. It is a giant spruce presented to President Coolidge through the American Forestry Association. It will be used each year at national Yule celebrations in Sherman Monument Square, across from the White House. Its mission is to encourage the use of living trees each Christmas, thereby helping conserve America's fast diminishing forests.

Is There a Santa Claus?

Twenty-seven years ago little Virginia O'Hanlon, perplexed by this question, wrote to the Editor of the New York Sun: "I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

The following editorial published in The Sun in 1897, one of the finest things in our literature, answered for all time and all children this old, old question.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real thing in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseenble in all the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Yes, Here's Santa Too

Eulogy to a Christmas Tree

To the Municipal Christmas tree at the Memorial Auditorium:

I like to think of you as you were last Christmas and the years before, standing lonely vigil on a bleak hill: A twinkling star nestled on your topmost tip seeming to sway with you in the wind. And the wind sighed as it passed you by on its melancholy ways, leaving huddled birds to chirp thanksgiving for your protection. Moonbeams turned your burden of snow into a glistening diadem. Lone stragglers looking up at you saw the dome of heaven come closer and sensed the fluttering of wings. And thus you became as a shrine in a temple of worship. But they cut you down to prop you up here, overshadowed and dwarfed by the beautiful Memorial building at whose door you stand. Ugly wires and harsh lights paint you with hard colors. The shuffling of many feet about you never is stilled. Yet in the multitude there may come those who will see, not the lights and the despoiled tree, but the hill and the star and the lonely wind and the shrine in the temple. And you will not have died in vain. And when your day of tinsel is done there may be found one open hearth in all this town around which men and children may gather to breathe the balm of your burning boughs and to build castles in your glowing embers. And if those who dream and build will come to know great buildings, and poems and electric signs and subways are made by fools like all of us, "but only God can make a tree" there will have been beauty in your passing.

Sec. Weeks Extends Greetings to Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Christmas greetings to those connected with the military service were expressed today by Secretary Weeks in a statement broadcast to army posts.

"At this holiday season of the year," Mr. Weeks said, "I take the greatest personal pleasure in wishing to every officer and soldier in the army of the United States a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The high standards of the American army and the security of the country have been assured through the loyal work of our forces. Your profession is one highly honored by the people of the country and are grateful for the service you render the nation. I hope the coming year will be most satisfactory in every respect to everyone connected with the military service."

SANTA CLAUS VISITOR AT LOCAL CHURCHES

Santa Claus visited several of the churches last evening and distributed Christmas gifts from beautifully arranged trees in the vestries where hundreds of children gathered and received toys and sweets galore. Several of the churches will be visited this evening and tomorrow morning and in each instance the Christmas tree and distribution of gifts will be the main feature of the program.

The Sunday school pupils of the Grace Universalist church were entertained yesterday afternoon in the upper hall of the parish house which was prettily decorated in the season's finery. Prof. Edwin A. Hoadley of the Lowell State Normal school kept his childish auditors on their toes as he performed numerous magical tricks. The boys were especially interested. Following the entertainment program Santa made an appearance and in return for his many gifts the children presented him a sum of money to be used in helping make Christmas merry for other children less fortunate than they. Harold Conklin, superintendent of the church school was in charge of the affair.

The children of the Central Baptist church held their Christmas entertainment last evening when an enjoyable musical and entertainment program was given under the direction of the Misses Alice Tabor, Elizabeth Shattuck and Helen Munn. Walter A. Chase appeared as Santa Claus and he was assisted by members of the congregation in distributing the gifts.

The lower vestry of the First Baptist church was the scene last evening of a merry gathering of children as they entertained Santa Claus, the guest of the evening who left in his wake numerous gifts and favors. Under the direction of Miss Elsie Perron and Mrs. Grady D. Fagan an entertainment program was given and refreshments served.

Young and old members of the Highland Congregational church gathered in the lower vestry of the church and enjoyed a fine program of Christmas music. Gifts were distributed to the many youngsters in attendance and a light luncheon was served.

The children of the Eliot Union church gathered in the church vestry yesterday afternoon when a program of games and musical numbers was enjoyed in which all present participated. The members of the King's Daughters of the church served refreshments while Edwin T. Shaw, superintendent of the church school was in general charge of the affair.

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

Simple Observance in View of Death of Son by Pres. and Mrs. Coolidge

No Christmas Tree and No Guests Other Than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Memories of Christmas in other years before the family circle was broken crowded in upon President and Mrs. Coolidge today as they prepared for their second Christmas in the White House.

With the approach of the holiday bringing fresh reminders of the loss of Calvin, the younger son who in years past contributed much to the season's merriment, the preparations made were with a view to the simplest observance. There will be no Christmas tree, and no guests other than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, who arrived today and who through long association, have been regarded by the president and his wife almost as members of the family.

Although Mr. Coolidge by executive order released all government employes from their work at noon today and government business virtually ceased at that time until Friday, he, himself, had arranged to spend the greater part of the afternoon at his desk. Mrs. Coolidge had accepted an invitation to assist officers of one of the city's charitable organizations in the distribution during the afternoon of Christmas baskets to the poor.

Two of the features of the White House Christmas eve last year, however, are to be continued.

The president, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, after dinner tonight, will walk across to Sherman Circle to be present at the lighting of the national community Christmas tree, a live spruce nearly fifty feet in height, brought down from the Adirondack mountains of New York and planted there a week ago by several national organizations. Mrs. Coolidge will turn a switch to light the tree.

This little ceremony will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols from the White House portico by the choir of the First Congregational church, which the president and his family attend.

Tomorrow morning, after an exchange of gifts, the president, Mrs. Coolidge and their son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Stearns will attend union Christmas services arranged by the churches of Washington. Christmas dinner will be served in the evening with a big turkey, grown on a Wyoming reclamation project, and recently sent to the White House by Wyoming friends of the chief executive, occupying the place of prominence.

Christmas Thoughts

Over the earth evening's shadows are creeping,
Long since the sun, sunk in vapors of gold,
And bright stars in Heaven their vigils are keeping
Just as they did in Judea of old.

Heaven and earth the sweet story's repeating
Of which angels sang in the years long ago,
And countless choirs of angels are meeting
Chanting His praise, as through heaven they go.

"Glory to God, Who is highest in heaven,
Peace be on Earth to men of good will"—
Again that great anthem by angels is given,
O, pause from your labor, and hear, if ye will!

Come, let us follow the wise men who wandered
Bringing rich gifts to the Christ Child so dear,
Think of their journey, and O, how they pondered
On finding the babe, in a stable so drear!

Rest from your grasping, ye, who are contriving,
Vast sums to store in your coffers away,
Pause ye, who for great, selfish power are striving
And come to the manger, so lowly, today.

Bring on your journey, some soul tired and weary
Or some one who gropes on the pathway of sin,
Some one, who with poverty struggles, so dreary,
Then will your real joys of Christmas begin.

These are the gifts the Saviour will cherish
When in the future His face we shall see,
Remember, His words from the world shall not perish—
"In Doing to These, Ye Have Done It to Me."

—MARIE COLLINS HOUGHTON,
In the Lawrence Tribune.

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CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow will be Christmas, the feast of the Nativity, the central idea of man's redemption through the promised Messiah. It is quite remarkable to what an extent the anniversary is observed at the present time as compared with the custom some forty or fifty years ago.

There are hundreds of people working in the local mills today who remember when all the factories ran on Christmas day, as if it meant nothing to them or their employes. The change is quite gratifying, of course, but unfortunately it does not indicate that we are more religious today than we were then. On the contrary, we may be very much less so, for although Christmas was not then observed as a legal holiday, yet the people, as a rule, honored the day in a religious way, either by appropriate services on that particular day or on the Sunday following.

At present the observance of Christmas runs largely to the general dissemination of good cheer, the outpouring of charity, and the maintenance of the traditional coming of Santa Claus in a way that delights the hearts of the children and almost equally so the older folks who can afford the expense.

The most important form of Christmas observance, however, is the religious, which is based upon firm faith in Christ the Redeemer of mankind, whose coming was foretold by the prophets and whose miracles on earth and triumphant resurrection are as authentic as the contemporaneous facts of profane history. Unfortunately today we find a tendency in some quarters to deny some of the biblical truths of revealed religion, particularly if they do not seem to accord with our present day views of what is probable. Some people refuse to believe anything that is not evident to their senses, although if that principle were followed, we should soon be a nation of agnostics and atheists. The human understanding being finite cannot fathom the infinite, so that the mysteries of religion must be accepted on faith, for St. Paul says, "we walk by faith and not by sight." But mere faith or assent to the truth is void of saving grace as the apostle says, "Faith without good works is dead."

In the light of its pious inspiration to the exercise of true charity, relief of the poor, the suffering, the afflicted and the general diffusion of good will among men, Christmas brings a wonderful uplift toward the love, the mutual sympathy, the religious zeal and the devotion to the cause of righteousness that reflects the nearest approach to the general application of the true ideals of Christianity.

Tonight and tomorrow the atmosphere all around the earth will be vibrant with the radio rendition of Christmas carols in addition to the vocal efforts of great church choirs, so that it would seem as if again was heard from the sky the song of the angels and that throughout Christendom all the people joined in one great chorus of "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

ANOTHER BRIDGE WANTED

A resident of South Lowell writes The Sun to say that a bridge across the Concord is very much needed for the convenience of the people living in that locality who now are obliged to depend entirely upon the Wigginville car for conveyance down city. They have to make a round-about trip if they want to reach any point in the western part of the city. There is probably no other part of the city in which a bridge would open up more land for development into valuable property that would increase the revenue of the city from taxation. Any real estate dealer, according to our correspondent, who visits the locality can see what a wide sweep of valuable land would be opened up for residential purposes by a bridge across the Concord river near the central point of South Lowell. The time is not far distant, it is hoped, when North Billerica will be annexed to the city of Lowell and if that should take place, one bridge would hardly be sufficient for the accommodation of the people who would establish homes on either side of the Concord river within the city limits. In this case no estimate of the cost is given.

DR. ELIOT EXPLAINS

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, has issued a letter in which he says that in his statement that the Irish have not become "assimilated" as American citizens, he did not cast any reflection upon the race, but simply implied that they had not lost their racial identity in this country. Dr. Eliot claims that the different interpretation applied to the word "assimilation" has resulted in a misunderstanding of his meaning. He says that "no intelligent person believes or maintains that the Irish people who have immigrated to this country since the constitution of the United States was adopted, have not become interested and patriotic American citizens, while maintaining and illustrating their Celtic qualities." Dr. Eliot allows that it is better for this country for the races that come here to maintain their racial instincts rather than amalgamate completely with other races so as to become a composite whole. He states that there has never been any "melting pot" in the United States and that there is not likely to be any in the future, a statement which is but relatively true.

FRAMINGHAM

Framingham has petitioned the legislature for advancement to the dignity of a city. Framingham for many years has been a railroad centre of importance. It has a population of over 17,000 and is a very ancient town, having been incorporated in 1675. In recent years it has shown a spirit of progress that entitles it to recognition. It proposes to add an area of about one square mile from the town of Sherborn to its own territory which would help to increase its valuation.

There is no reason why the petition of Framingham should not be granted. At the present time it is larger than some of the other cities of the state, such for example, as Marlboro, Newburyport and Gardner. This year the total valuation is $26,692,392 and the tax rate $29.50. As a city, Framingham would probably start upon a career of prosperity far beyond anything in its past history.

THREE CHIEF DANGERS

There are three real dangers to be guarded against at the Christmas time. First for the celebrators, Santa Claus and his friends, the risk of fire; second, for the thirsty who think they can have no observance of the holiday without filling up, there is the danger of deadly poisonous hooch, such as killed 35 persons in New York within the past week; third, the danger of drownings as a result of skating on the treacherous ice of rivers and canals. There has hardly been a Christmas for the past ten years that did not bring tragedies from one or other of these three causes.

Therefore, beware of fire, of deadly hooch, of thin ice and every other source of danger arising from the observance of Christmas.

PARACHUTE VICTIMS

If the United States government intends to extend the use of the airplane in the mail service, it should provide a parachute that will be sure to open so that the aviator obliged to use it in an emergency will not have to take the risk of relying upon these supposed life-savers when he has to jump into space high in the air. Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, lost his life in Illinois Monday night because the parachute failed to open when he was obliged to leap for life. It is cruel to have these air heroes subjected to such peril. If we cannot get an airplane that will not stall in the air, then we should at least have a parachute that will not fail to open when put into operation. It seems that this is a point upon which our inventors and experts in aerial navigation might well exercise their ingenuity.

FIRES

Important fire losses in the United States soared to over 37 million dollars in November. Highest in 20 months.

Ordinarily this would be considered an evil omen for future business. Fire losses traditionally mount ahead of hard times, many setting fire to their properties to get insurance.

But experts say that big November losses were two-fifths due to poor construction of buildings, which permitted flames to spread swiftly. We seem moving toward the Japanese system of houses built of paper and glue.

AUTOS

Auto makers have had a better year in 1924 than they expected, even though they manufactured about a tenth fewer cars than in 1923.

The 1924 production of passenger cars passed the three millions mark late in November. A car for every family in America is almost a reality. And soon the sales slogan will be, "Two cars for every family, instead of one."

This will seem like extravagance, especially to many who recall when it was quite a matter of course to keep more than one horse.

GIFTS

Philanthropists gave 130 million dollars to education and health in 1924.

These gifts eventually will make the average person more prosperous, according to the elder John D. Rockefeller's theory. He believes that poverty is the result of ignorance and disease and that, with these two causes removed, poverty will vanish. It is a plausible idea, though a lot of near-poverty is due to excessive prosperity of others. There is just so much to "go round," no more.

LEDOUX AGAIN

Again Urbain J. Ledoux comes to the front demanding that the churches of New York be opened to the jobless during the cold weather. He will be remembered as having figured in similar movements some years ago in Boston when he auctioned off a number of so-called "slaves" as a means of attracting attention to himself and indirectly helping the jobless.

There is no safe or reliable way of securing signatures to a referendum or any other similar petition except by the identification of each voter who signs it. When the petitions are left for miscellaneous signatures without the identification of the signers, there will be false names signed for the purpose of vitiating the entire petition. It is a mean political trick, but right in line with the political game as being played in local politics.

The cross-word puzzle is becoming such a veritable craze throughout the country that it is not surprising that the postoffice department will hereafter exclude from the mails any newspaper or other publication that offers a prize for the solution of cross-word puzzles. There is no reason why this game of chance should not be barred as well as the various others included under the head of lotteries.

There is about as much truth in the announcement that Mrs. Curley may run for mayor of Boston when her husband gets out as there was in the statement that His Honor, through a mythical personage named "Lafayette Mulligan," sent the Prince of Wales the key to the city of Boston.

The chamber of commerce gives Lowell a population of 125,000. "Let us hope the census bureau will confirm this count. This indicates reasonable growth as the 1920 census gave us 112,759.

The blackmailer is much more vile in all that constitutes utter baseness and villainous instincts than the gunman who goes out on the highway to plunder defenseless people.

Santa Claus is the busiest one in town these days and he is making everybody else hustle.

SEEN AND HEARD

A Kansas City, Kan., judge has bought a supply of toy automobiles for the use of attorneys in illustrating damage and accident cases that come before his court.

The city of New York has more telephones than London, Paris and Rome combined; more electric lights than any two of them and more miles of electric railway than any three of them.

What Was 'Owling

A cockney, looking over a country estate, was startled by a peculiar noise. "I say, old chap," he asked the agent, "what was that?" "An owl." "My dear man, I know that, but what was 'owling?'"

Algebra Language

Mrs. Newly Rich was showing off her son, home on sick leave from a public school, to a bosom friend. "Alfie's learning lots o' languages," she said. "Latin and Greek and French and Algebra and what-not! Alfie, say 'I 'ope you're well' to the lady in algebra!"

A Deceptive Bundle

A woman carrying something wrapped carefully in a blanket entered a Pittsburgh street car. No seat being available, she stood before an elderly woman, who evidently, thinking it was a baby in the blanket, gave the other woman her seat. The woman with the large bundle sat down. After riding several blocks, she carefully turned back the folds of the blanket and disclosed the face of a small black dog.

Found Her Out

The minister of a certain church called upon a woman, a member of his congregation, and, finding no one at home, slipped a card through the letter box, after scribbling upon it the words, "Sorry to find you out." When the woman returned home, Mary, the maid, met her at the door and presented the card with a whispered: "There, mum, I took charge of this. It would never do for the master to know the minister's found you out."

Agreeable Neighbors

While clearing land for a golf course at Mount Union, Penn., workmen were obliged to remove an old apple tree. When the axe was laid to the trunk they found near the ground a chicken, hen and nest of eggs. Midway up the tree a nest of red field mice was sheltered from the blasts of winter. Near the top a big screech owl had taken up its habitat. The strange neighbors had evidently been living peacefully under the same roof-tree.

Father's Reason

Ronald was handy with his fists and had trounced most of the youngsters at the grammar school he attended. His father was delighted with this prowess at first and had the boy given boxing instructions. But before long these were discontinued and the edict went forth that there must be no more scraps. The disgruntled boxing instructor called on Ronald's father to see about this. "Why did you order your boy to stop fighting?" asked the instructor. "He could lick any kid in the neighborhood." "Maybe so. But I couldn't lick all their dads."

Wait and See

Two men were angling. For some time they sat in silence smoking their pipes and watching their lines. Suddenly one of them uttered an excited exclamation and dropped the rod into the river. "Did you see that fellow fall off that cliff over there into the river?" he shouted. "Don't get excited, Tom," answered his companion, soothingly. "It may be a cinema actor doing one of his stunts. They often make films in those parts." "But," said the other, "supposing it isn't and that the man is really in danger?" "Well," replied the other, philosophically, "if he drowns he isn't."

There's a Song in the Air

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains fire and the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

In the light of that star
Lie the ages imparted;
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every heart is aflame, and the Beautiful sing,
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the Heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King.

—By JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND.

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OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Thos. J. Powers Again President of Local Street Railwaymen's Union

The results in the annual election of the officers of the local Street Railwaymen's union held yesterday were announced this morning.

Thomas J. Powers was the unanimous choice to succeed himself as president of the organization. Pres. Powers has served the union faithfully and well during his term and when time came to make nominations the men showed their appreciation of his efforts in their behalf by refusing to name a candidate to oppose him.

Many of the advantages now enjoyed by the car men were brought about by the activities of President Powers. He is ever on the alert to assist his fellow workers and is regarded by the membership as one of the most successful executives ever chosen to lead the organization.

William H. Conroy was elected vice-president in a spirited contest with Laurence Richards. William W. Johnston, the efficient financial secretary treasurer was unopposed for re-election.

Joseph Kearns was elected recording secretary. The big fight of the day came in the contest for the executive committee. Two of the present members, Arthur Clancy and Michael McGeoghan went down to defeat, Joseph P. Scully and Henry Hamer being chosen to succeed them. William Sproule, the other member of the board, was re-elected. Charles Hurley was the sixth candidate.

William Wright was elected day warden and John H. Morse night warden. Frank Twohey was the choice of the union for correspondent to the Motorman and Conductor's Journal.

A large vote was cast and the election and the counting of the ballots were efficiently handled by the election committee, William Wright, James Quinlan and Joseph Woods.

VETERAN SALEM CITY CLERK DIES AT 72

SALEM, Dec. 24—Captain J. Clifford Entwistle, city clerk of Salem for nearly 30 years, died this morning at his home, 20 Linden street, after a long illness, in his 72nd year. He was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was born June 17, 1852. At the age of 16 years he went to sea, which calling he followed for some 20 years in the China, Australia and India trades, becoming captain of several famous ships. On retirement he took up his residence in Salem, was elected to the city government in the early '90s and in 1895 was elected city clerk, being the fourth city clerk the municipality has had since its incorporation as a city in 1836. He was a 33rd degree Mason, also a member of the A.O.U.W., the Elks, Salem Marine and East Indian societies. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Ella M. Senedallar of Salem.

MAN ABOUT TOWN

All forms of larceny are deplorable, but some are meaner than others and even provocation exists in some instances. The other evening, a Christmas tree was stolen from the back porch of a house in the Highlands and it is pretty hard to imagine the type of person who could so far forget the Christmas spirit as to be guilty of thievery of this sort. Possibly it was the work of youngsters, but parents should not have very much difficulty in finding out how the tree was procured and seeing to it that it was returned.

The decision of the Auto List company to discontinue the publication of Massachusetts motor-vehicle registrations is regretted in many quarters. At the police station, where the books were in daily use, the officers will be handicapped in emergencies, for in the future all numbers must be procured at the office of the motor vehicle registrar in Boston. This will entail some inconvenience. In the past, the owner of a machine and his corresponding registration number could be traced in the book within a few minutes. The system worked out exceedingly well when the police were obliged to deal with criminals. On the other hand, several useless calls were made to the police to look up numbers for private interests. In this respect, the discontinuance is not regretted.

That the fame of the pictures in The Sun office has spread far and wide is apparent by the number of people who daily visit the office especially to view the beautiful paintings hung there. Perhaps the best known of the large group is that entitled "The Pawtucket Falls and Line of Mills" and "The Cotter's Saturday Night," based on Robert Burns' well known classic. Only the other day, two people from out-of-town and recognized as art enthusiasts, entered the office and discussed the pictures while waiting for a depot car. The paintings are among the best in the county in the opinion of art connoisseurs.

Santa comes tonight. I find that old folks as well as the younger generation find much pleasure in anticipating what dear old Kris Kringle has for them. A great deal of joy is found in wrapping Christmas packages and I know for a fact that half the joy of giving lies in the wrapping. Christmas has become quite recognized in recent years as a gift giving season and I find that even the poorest of the poor will sacrifice much in order to be able to extend Christmas cheer to some weary brother at Yuletide.

The proudest men in the fire department yesterday were the members of Engine Company 3, at the Central fire station, their elation being due to the fact that they were chosen to man the new 1000 gallon pumping engine. As this is the only pump in the department with a capacity over 600 gallons, the men feel it is quite an honor to belong to the company. But their pride is to be short-lived, members of Ladder Truck Company 3 say, for within a month or six weeks the new aerial ladder truck will be delivered to their care, and from then on they will be the ones to swell with pride, for it will be the largest truck in the department.

I am informed that the Massachusetts American Legion executive committee has set February 21 next as the day for another state-wide "Poppy Day" drive for relief funds, thus carrying out the vote of the last state convention. First Vice Commander Frank Good of Cambridge, well known in Lowell and a frequent visitor to the city; Treasurer Ralph M. Eastman of Boston, and Committeeman Audell W. Monk of Fairhaven compose the state tag day committee. Commander Leo M. Harlow announces that the money collected will be placed at once in a trust fund to be used exclusively for direct relief of needy and qualified veterans and their dependents. Sentiment among legionnaires in some parts of the state has been directly opposed to any more "drives of the tag-day brand for funds, and Crosscup-Pishom post of Boston is on record against the proposed February 21 drive. It is felt, however, in many other cities and towns where Legion posts thrive, that the convention vote was mandatory. There has been no state-wide poppy drive under American Legion auspices since April, 1923.

WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE

Dracut citizens will celebrate Christmas eve with a community tree festival for the first time. A large spruce, found in the northern woods, has been erected in the town square for the occasion and is decorated with multi-colored incandescent globes, which will be lighted early this evening. The celebration starts at 8 o'clock with community singing. Santa Claus is coming to meet the children a little later. The tree will be lighted each evening until New Year's.

TOM SIMS SAYS

If you just looked out for Number One this Christmas, remember it is the smallest number.

The best Christmas gift is the gift of knowing what others want.

About the only prices that have been lowered recently are those of 1924 calendars.

Dallas (Tex.) man threw a hatchet at her. So she got a divorce. Women are so scary.

Bad news from the Eskimos. They are eating dogs. Next time your dog barks threaten to eat him.

Los Angeles bank messenger says he spent $30,000. Maybe he mistook himself for a movie star.

Auto owners will be tickled to learn a St. Louis garage man was fined for using a stored car.

Chicago man sues his wife for lost love. If he values it at $100,000 he should have taken better care of it.

While Christmas costs a married man more than a bachelor, it is worth more to a married man.

Everybody loves a fat man dressed up as Santa Claus.

The worst thing about winter is it doesn't come in summer.

News from Paris. Artists have selected what they call the most perfect girl, figuratively speaking.

St. Louis man phoned home after being missing nine years. May blame it on the poor phone service.

Wisconsin football player will recover from a twisted neck, but must miss necking parties a few months.

It is easy to keep things coming your way when you are going theirs.

THE ZOO

YOU surely know old Dobbin;
He's a friend of ours, of course.
Most everybody's very fond
Of any kindly horse.
There was the time when he would pull
All things that ran on wheels,
But now we see him seldom, since
We have automobiles.

Christmas Spirit

By Hal Cochran

HAPPY today?
What makes you that way?
The real Christmas spirit, no doubt.
That feeling inside
Is made up of real pride
And you find that it has to come out

WHO can believe
It's the things you receive
From the friends who remembered you well,
That brings you the cheer,
At this time of the year,
In the place where real sentiments dwell?

IT'S cheerfully giving
That adds to your living,
And brings forth, all over again,
That thought, ne'er to cease,
That real spirit—Peace
On Earth and Good Will to Men.

COMMUNITY SING IN CHELMSFORD

Under the auspices of the Village Improvement association, a community sing will be held in Chelmsford tonight. From 7 o'clock until 7.30, carols will be played by trumpeters in the Unitarian church belfry; from 7.30 o'clock until 8, community singing will be held in front of the town hall, led by Joseph Heathcock. A buffet lunch will be served in the town hall at the conclusion of the evening's program. The large spruce trees on the common will be lighted in honor of the occasion.

Merry Christmas

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TWO STORES

High Street, corner Andover Street—Belvidere
Bridge Street, corner Third Street—Centralville

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES

Daniel Moynihan Elected President of the Municipal Employes' Union

Daniel Moynihan was elected president of the Municipal Employes' union, at the annual meeting held last evening in Trades and Labor hall. James F. Rourke was re-elected secretary. Other officers were chosen to serve for the coming year in different capacities as follows:—

Vice-president, John Day; treasurer, Charles F. Higgins; financial secretary, John F. Donnelly; sergeant-at-arms, Charles O'Brien; trustees, Gen. McCarthy, Richard J. Flynn and Katherine M. Burke.

Most of the elections were contested, with the exception of the candidacy of Secretary Rourke, who has served four terms. A social hour followed the business meeting, with a buffet luncheon served.

HELD "TURKEY NIGHT"

Last night was "Turkey night" in the headquarters of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. Thirty birds were awarded to holders of lucky tickets, and during the evening a pleasant entertainment was conducted. The affair was in charge of Grand Knight Charles J. Landers, assisted by John C. McQuaid, Chris J. McSorley, Michael F. Adams, Edward F. Saunders, Daniel A. Powers, Michael F. Delaney, John F. McArdle and Michael A. Keefe.

LITTLE JOE

THE OLD CHRISTMAS TREES WILL SOON BE IN FOR A TRIMMING

INFLUENZA

As a preventive, melt and inhale night and morning—

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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

WERE DRIVEN TO STREET

Occupants of Gorham Street Block Forced Out By Early Morning Fire

Occupants of a six-tenement block at 1022-1030 Gorham street were driven to the street scantily clad, and damage estimated at $7000 to the property was caused by an early morning fire of unknown origin.

In addition to the six tenements, there are three stores in the block and it was in the basement of one of the stores that the fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock by bakers employed in the Osterland bakery in the block.

When firemen arrived, the basements of the three stores, the Osterland bakery, Louis G. Stoloff's market and E. P. Brady's variety store, were ablaze and dense clouds of smoke filled the building.

Police Officers John Burns and John Conlon, with E. P. Brady, Frank Meehan and firemen, assisted tenants of the block to safety, it being necessary to carry one, an invalid, to the street. The tenants, who had taken time only to throw light clothing over their night clothes, were cared for by neighbors until the fire was extinguished and they were allowed to return to their homes.

Several lines of hose were directed into the blazing cellars and after a short while the flames were drowned out. The Stoloff market suffered the greatest damage, practically the whole stock being either burned or ruined by smoke and water.

Damage to the Osterland bakery is estimated at $1000 and to the Brady store at $300, while the block itself and the furnishings of the upper tenements were damaged considerably by fire and water. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The block is owned by J .M. Reed of Lawrence.

LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL XMAS CELEBRATION

Lowell lodge, 136, I. A. of M., featured its annual Christmas season celebration by entertaining Santa Claus and a large number of guests, last night. The festive program was given in Merrimack hall, which was crowded with members and their families, and many invited guests.

The hall was brilliantly decorated for the Yuletide entertainment. There was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus, and then an entertainment program that presented excellent talent in every number featured. John Burroughs appeared in the role of Santa Claus. Among the guests was Robert Fechner, member of the machinists' general board of directors. Refreshments were served during the evening and there was dancing until midnight.

The entertainment featured the following in excellent offerings:

Master Mahoney, recitation; Robert Cahill, piano selection; Fred Cummings, songs; Miss Brothers, piano selection; Miss Monahan, dance; Miss Joyce, sword dance; Charles Clancy, songs; McLaughlin Sisters, cake walk and Irish reel; Marion Pendergast, sailor's hornpipe; Miss McInerney, Irish clog dance; Harry Duffy, songs; Celia Leavitt, sword dance; Virginia Lundgren, Virginia reel; Leavitt sisters, Highland fling; Ethel McLaughlin, buck and wing; Martin Maguire, songs; Elizabeth Leavitt, Frisco dance.

CLUB CITOYENS AMERICAINS

At the regular meeting of Club Citoyens Americains to be held this evening, business of major importance will be transacted. The music committee and the entertainment committees will meet previous to the general business session ta which time final arrangements will be made for the ladies' night to be held New Year's eve.

OUT OUR WAY

OVERNIGHT FLASHES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Operatic and concert stars, under contract with Victor Talking Machine company, will participate in bi-weekly concerts to be broadcast by company in conjunction with American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Warrant is issued at Olean, N. Y., charging wife of George E. Ensminger, golf expert of Columbia, Miss., with attempted murder in sending box of poisoned candy through mail to Mrs. Marjorie Ensminger, Ensminger's former wife.

General increase in customs duties ranging from ten to fifty per cent and imposing heavy tax on automobiles is prepared by customs commission for ratification by French parliament.

United States railroad labor board refuses request of committee of managers of western railroads that board suspend wage agreement between Southern Pacific railroad and engineers and firemen.

Reports of capture of Scutari and Alessio by Albanian insurgents after two days' fighting, confirmed in Belgrade despatch.

James L. Asher, Philadelphia prohibition agent, known as the "lone wolf," is acquitted in federal court at Philadelphia on charges of murder and manslaughter in connection with the death of Peter Yancauskas, a saloon keeper, as result of injuries received during dry raid.

Naval ambulance seaplane is swamped at Hampton Roads naval air station, and four men, including patient being brought from North Carolina, are killed.

CHRISTMAS MAILS QUICKLY HANDLED

The Christmas mails are being handled with dispatch and few delays in both receipt and delivery departments at the local postoffice. Thousands of letters, packages and parcel post mail matter, to say nothing of a large volume of Christmas cards exceeding last year's amount by far, are being moved through the Lowell postal service area in excellent shape thus far, Postmaster Delisle said today.

Extra trucks for collecting and delivering Yuletide mail are in operation day and night. The rush today to keep the mails moving to destinations brought every postal service facility into operation. There will be no local deliveries of mail after 11 a. m. tomorrow.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Knights of Malta will observe Christmas in the usual spirit of good fellowship. Tonight an entertainment will be provided in the club rooms on Middle street, and visitors from out-of-town commanderies will be present as guests. A prize drawing will be a feature of the Yuletide celebration and refreshments are to be served. The entertainment committee includes Howard Glines, George Heap and Robert Bonill.

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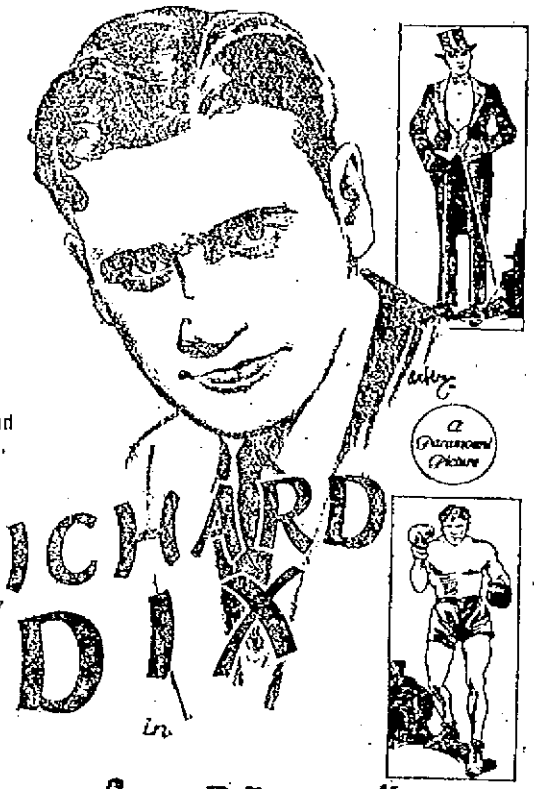

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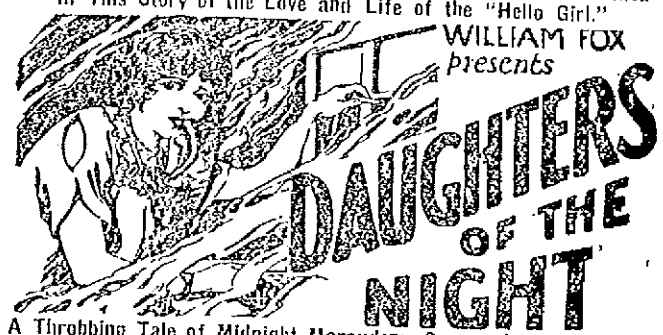

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Al Mello Wins Over Veteran Shaver O'Brien in Boston Bout—Maloney Beats Montgomery

JIMMY MALONEY WINS OVER "SULLY" MONTGOMERY ON FOUL

Crowd Stirred by Texan's Unfair Blow in Third Round Surged Toward Ring, But Referee Brassill's Prompt Action Prevents Trouble—Mello Wins

BOSTON, Dec. 24—A wild left-hand swing, delivered with the intent of driving back the furious onslaught of the local man, landed on a prohibited section of Jim Maloney's anatomy in the third round of the bout between Maloney and "Sully" Montgomery of Fort Worth, Tex., in Mechanics building last night, and Maloney was instantly declared the winner on a foul.

It was a palpable foul, but entirely unintentional and accidental. As Maloney, far ahead on points, surged against the ropes as he sank to the floor writhing in pain, the giant ex-football player from the south rushed toward him and planted a terrific right-hand uppercut to the jaw of the half-conscious Maloney and the latter was rendered senseless.

In an instant the immense crowd, one of the largest that ever crowded

AL MELLO

into the old hall, was in an uproar. Part of the thousands of spectators surged toward the ringside, hurling epithets and derisive remarks at the bewildered young Texan.

Referee John Brassill, sensing the attitude of the partisan crowd, immediately pointed toward Maloney's corner to indicate that he had won on a foul and thereby saved what might otherwise have been an unpleasant situation.

There was no other alternative than to declare Maloney the winner. He was clearly fouled and it was patent to those who beheld the unfair blow that he suffered agonizing pain.

Referee Brassill evidently was satisfied that it was unnecessary to consult a physician to determine the extent of the injurious effects of the punch. His judgment was sound, for any delay in rendering the decision would only have further aroused the crowd, which had become almost frenzied in the brief but hectic contest.

Pandemonium Reigns

Pandemonium reigned almost from the beginning of the battle between the heavyweights. The intense excitement was the result of Maloney's aggressive tactics and his apparent superiority over the much-heralded and altogether likeable Southerner.

Montgomery was a decided favorite with the fancy, the odds lengthening from 10 to 8 to 10 to 7 to approximately 2 to 1 when the big fellows entered the ring.

Although "Sully" was the odds-on favorite, the sympathy of the crowd was unquestionably with the South Boston boxer. Montgomery was tardy in arriving in the building, but he was first in the ring. While he received a generous reception, it was nothing as compared to the ovation tendered Maloney.

Maloney's weight was announced as 197½ pounds. Montgomery was four pounds heavier. The visitor also had height and reach in his favor, but after he had missed two rushes and the men fought wildly and aimlessly into and through the ropes, "Sully's" longer reach was a disadvantage, rather than a benefit.

The Texan was at a loss at close quarters, whereas Maloney did his most effective work when in close, driving both hands to the body and hooking and uppercutting right to the head.

Both were over-anxious and wild in the opening round, but the honors belonged to Maloney. Jimmy's unexpected aggressiveness surprised even his most ardent supporters.

When the second round began, Maloney displayed an almost utter disregard for the dangerous right hand swing of the Texan. He jabbed his left neatly to the face and in a fast, furious exchange he uppercut effectively to the chin.

Both missed swings and when Montgomery essayed another rush he was met by a hard right cross to the jaw, followed by a right uppercut to the chin as they clinched. "Sully" missed a wild right swing, and as Jimmy forced him into the latter's corner Montgomery slipped to his knee against the rope. It was Maloney's round by a good margin.

Montgomery Cut Under Eye

Montgomery was more aggressive and determined in the third round, but his efforts to connect were unavailing, and while both continued to swing wildly, Maloney scored the oftener and seemed the more collected. After a clinch, Maloney met Montgomery's rush with a stiff straight left to the cheek, opening a cut under the Texan's right eye. Then, in a bewilderingly fast exchange, Sully rushed, swinging his left low and hard. Maloney sank helplessly to the canvas, but not before Montgomery had hit him with a right uppercut to the chin as he went down.

It was fully a minute before Maloney was in condition to be lifted to a stool.

Only one of the preliminary bouts lasted the scheduled eight rounds. That was the opening contest between Al Mello of Lowell and Shaver O'Brien of South Boston, both southpaws. It was a spirited affair and Mello was the winner.

The bout between Wolf Larsen and Jack Hankinson, heavyweights, was almost a repetition of their previous meeting, except that last night Larsen was declared the winner in the third round on a technical knockout.

Hankinson was floored in the opening round and again in the second, and after being knocked down twice in the third, Referee Phil Powers stopped the bout. Hankinson dropped Larsen in the second round.

The semi-final between Tom Kirby of Roxbury and "Rocky" Stone of Dorchester, was stopped in the sixth round, when, after he had been hit low, Stone later sought the canvas without being hit. "Rocky" was knocked down with a right to the jaw in the second round, but sent Kirby through the ropes an instant later with a right to the ribs. "Rocky's" claim that he had been fouled was not allowed.

John Glackin and Pat Moran were the judges and Arthur Burns was timekeeper.

AL MELLO GIVES O'BRIEN WALLOPING

Showing the brand of fighting that made him 147-pound national amateur champion, Al Mello of this city, gave Shaver O'Brien the South Boston veteran, a merry walloping in their eight round semi-final to the Maloney-Montgomery bout at Mechanics hall, Boston, last evening.

Mello took the lead at the outset with a relentless attack, allowing O'Brien no quarter driving him around the ring with heavy left hand punches. Al also had his right hand jab working to perfection and many times Shaver's head reminded one of a bobbing cork.

In the third round Mello tore loose and it looked as though O'Brien could not last the distance, but his experience was brought into play and weathering the storm of blows he went to his corner in a weakened state.

From the third round on, Mello continued to pile up his lead and at the conclusion of the final round not a dissenting voice was raised.

A large crowd of Lowell fans witnessed the bouts and all were pleased with Mello's showing.

WHAT CAN SHE DO WITH A ROLLING PIN

Madame Violet Norris, world's champion javelin thrower, as she appeared in a recent carnival at Paris. If she changed to rolling pins—

Scott Explains Endurance Record

EVERETT SCOTT

BY BILLY EVANS

Everett Scott, frail shortstop of the New York Americans, has played 1291 consecutive games. He started his "iron-man" stunt June 20, 1916, and is still at it.

No position on the ball field is more dangerous to play than that of shortstop. This, coupled with the fact that Scott is far from husky, makes his endurance record all the more remarkable.

Here are 10 reasons why Everett Scott has been able to hang up a record for endurance, that will probably stand, even after Babe Ruth's 59 homers in one season has passed out of the picture:

1. Takes great care of his physical condition. Follows training rules more like a college player than a professional athlete.

2. Never hurries himself in the spring. Conditions himself slowly regardless of how well his rivals for the position are showing.

3. Makes careful study of his batters, figures no two alike, enabling him to make plays easily that otherwise might call for a foolhardy effort.

4. Never forces his arm except in the pinch. Times his runners so that he throws the fast and slow ones out by the same margin.

5. Has made a careful study of touching runners. This is the most dangerous of all plays on the ball field and no player is called upon to make it more often than the shortstop. Watches the runner closely and, being familiar with his mannerisms, positions himself accordingly in making the touch, also taking into consideration the direction of the throw.

6. Gets the signal for every pitch and then tries to figure what he will do in advance. Says this is most important and saves many a "bonehead play."

7. Doesn't believe in fussing with the umpires unless he has a real grievance. Then expresses his objections in a way that results in the umpire giving him much consideration rather than pointing to the exit sign.

8. Guards constantly against being temperamental. Says player must accept the good and tough breaks as part of the game.

9. Insists on being an optimist, believing that everything is going to be all right and says it usually turns out that way.

10. Fights hard but always tries to play the game fair.

The Nut Cracker

by Joe Williams

Shoeless Joe Jackson says he's broke and we can remember when he was well heeled.

Johnny Dundee was seen wearing a silk hat and a monocle in Paris. . . . The stuff they sell over there makes a fellow do the darndest things!

Judge Landis told the magnates in Chicago he was not there to split hairs. . . . . Yet it is plain the judge has plenty to split.

It develops that Paavo Nurmi trains on garlic. . . . No wonder it's so hard to get anybody to run with him.

One of Man o' War's colts failed to win a single race last season. . . . Just like a lot of young blades we know, trying to get by on the old man's rep.

Shadow photos are the newest craze in Cleveland. . . . They are especially good for shadow boxers, one supposes.

An exhibition of needlework by college men is on display in Boston, thus explaining what the cheer leader does after the football season ends.

Championships should be discouraged, says the president of Michigan University. . . . We thought Red Grange saw to that last fall.

"There are too many passes in football" complains an eastern coach, whereas there are seldom enough in African golf.

O'NEILL GETS BREAK

Steve O'Neill is well pleased at going from a near tailender to an almost pennant winner. Steve was recently sold by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees. He has already started to get in shape to prove he isn't through as a catcher.

UMP SAYS GERMANY LIKES BASEBALL

By N.E.A. Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The failure of the major league tourists to go big in Europe brings out the fact that Japan is one of the few countries that has enthused over America's national game.

Jim Johnstone, former National league umpire, who has just returned from a trip abroad, says a mistake was made by the tourists in not visiting Germany.

Johnstone says that of all the European countries he toured, Germany was the only one in which the kids were actually playing the game.

In the other countries where baseball was played former Americans and Canadians were the performers.

FIRPO REACHES PARIS

Tells French Writer He Expects to Meet Gibbons or Renault in April

Yearns for Another Bout With Dempsey — Says Rojas "a Third Rater"

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Luis Firpo, who is yearning for another chance at Jack Dempsey's crown, expects to be matched with either Tom Gibbons or Jack Renault for a fight at Madison Square Garden in April, he told the French sports writers upon his arrival here.

Questioned about Quintin Romero Rojas, who was recently given the South American heavyweight title because of Firpo's failureo to meet him, the Argentine said his rival was "a third rater."

"It amuses me when the South American boxing commission, which is hardly an official body, gives him the title champion of South America," Firpo added. "If he uses the title in Buenos Aires everybody will laugh at him."

"The fight which left me the most regrets," he told the sporting paper, L'Auto, "was the one with Dempsey. Just think—I knocked him out of the ring in the first round, which he finished groggy, and you might almost say he was saved by the gong. Alas, in the second round he came up as fresh as ever, and I lost.

"If I meet him again—and I have every reason to believe I shall do so in 1926, if I beat Gibbons—I hope to have better luck, although Dempsey is a terrible opponent."

In Firpo's opinion the four leading heavyweights in order of precedence are: Dempsey, Wills, Gibbons and Renault.

SPORTS of all SORTS

(By the Associated Press)

United States Senator James Wadsworth of New York, who held down first base for the Yale nine in 1898, is regarded as the best man in that position in the last 35 years, according to a former Yale pitcher. Wadsworth was a "turn around" hitter, a clever hunter, a fast fielder and remarkably speedy on the bases. During the season of 1898 Wadsworth made only one error at first base, and that came when Bill Reid of Harvard knocked the ball out of his hands. Wadsworth smashed out 15 hits in six games against Princeton and Harvard, winning the title for Yale by batting in all of Yale's three runs in the final game.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1925, will bring forth the most attractive dish of gridiron delicacies ever before scheduled for a single autumn afternoon. On that day not less than 10 big games are carded. The two foremost contests include Notre Dame's meeting with the Army at New York and Penn's game with Yale at New Haven. Other games of interest for that day are the Princeton-Navy clash at Annapolis, the Syracuse-Indiana classic at Indianapolis, the Columbia-Ohio State game at Columbus, the Colgate-Lafayette contest at Philadelphia, the Penn State-Marietta battle at State College, Pa., Detroit's meeting with Georgetown on the former's field and Bucknell's game with the Haskell Indians.

Baseball fans in the south next spring will have a hard time choosing between the two banner attractions of the major league exhibition tourists. The Washington Senators will travel with the New York Giants in an echo of the world's series but the tour of the rival second place clubs, Brooklyn and the New York Yankees will boast two of the greatest individual attractions, Dazzy Vance and Babe Ruth.

The Brooklyn-Yankee series goes back to 1913, when the late Frank Chance was in his first season at the helm of the American League club here. The Giants, on the other hand, have shifted partners frequently in their spring barnstorming. Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington and Chicago have toured with the McGraw men in the past.

Torrington, Conn., which gained prominence last fall as the home of Duckey Pond, famous Yale halfback, has produced another gridiron notable in Clarence ("Buck") Green, recently elected 1925 football captain at St. Bonaventure College, Alleghany, N. Y.

Manager John McGraw of the Giants must keep both eyes on Frank Walker, outfielder from Rocky Mount, N. C. This season for Walker is an oddity among ball players, a business man. As boss of the Rocky Mount club, he sold himself to the Giants for $10,000. If he fails to make the major league grade he may want to buy himself back—say for $5,000. Meanwhile he will be collecting a salary. McGraw has a job on his hands.

COMPANY C WINS INDOOR SHOOT

Five-men teams representing Companies C and D, 182d Infantry, M.N.G., held an exciting indoor shoot on the range in the basement of Westford street armory, last evening. Excellent scores were made by a majority of the contestants, the match bringing out quality marksmanship in several instances.

Company C's five picked target-shooters won the contest with a 392, Company D riflemen scoring 369.

Corp. Boutwell of Company C was highest man, with a total of 87. The next highest was Sergt. Brennan of the same company, with 85. Private Harbouich of Company C, and Sergts. Mack and McMahon of Company D, each scored 84.

The match was conducted with the rules calling for ten shots standing and ten shots prone, 25 yards. Second Lieut. James A. Tourigit, 182d Infantry-range officer, directed the competition.

The scores:

COMPANY C	O.H.	Prone	Tl
Priv. Malloy	29	40	69
Priv. Carroll	31	36	67
Priv. Harbouich	42	42	84
Sergt. Brennan	39	46	85
Corp. Boutwell	41	46	87
	182	210	392
COMPANY D			
Corp. Balakin	31	41	72
Corp. Sullivan	31	36	67
Priv. Armitage	27	35	62
Sergt. Mack	36	48	84
Sergt. McMahon	40	41	81
	165	201	366

FRED MERKLE OF "NO-TOUCH SECOND" FAME RETURNS TO N. Y.

Former Giant First Baseman to Become Assistant Coach of the Yankees—Huggins to Quit Coaching Lines and Retire to the Bench

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Fred Merkle, once lost on a journey from first base to second, has found his way back to New York, scene of his adventure. He will become assistant coach of the Yankees, according to Business Manager Ed Barrows, unless something happens to a deal nearly completed.

Merkle, who played first base for the Giants several years ago, when Larry Doyle, and Art Fletcher were part of the infield, came into the public eye as the man whose failure to adhere to a fundamental rule of baseball lost a National league pennant. Many have criticized him but he also has had defenders as a result of that so-called "bonehead play," when he failed to touch second base to complete a Giant victory and Johnny Evers, then second baseman of the Cubs, noticed the omission.

Of late years Merkle has been playing in the International league and his hitting has been exceptional, while such an error as was credited to him as a major leaguer has not been repeated with the Rochester club.

The nature of the deal by which he comes back to New York, although with the American league team this time, has not been announced but is supposed to be a straight cash proposition. Manager Miller Huggins, who has occupied the coaching lines during his regime, is expected to retire to the bench and permit Merkle to handle the field activity.

As the old Giant player still is a remarkable hitter, he may be used in pinches this year, although this is not the intention, according to Yankee officials.

The story of Merkle's misplay has been told many times. Here is what happened:

With a man on second base, Merkle singled, advancing his team mate to third. Then came another hit and the winning run, to all purposes went across the plate, but—Merkle had failed to touch second. Seeing the winning run score, the Giant first baseman rushed off the field with his team mates as Evers noticed the omission and won his argument. Many who saw the contest have declared that the umpire was responsible for Merkle's notoriety, having signalled by raising his right hand that the game was over.

Stout Turns to Hockey

Princeton is again looking to "Buzz" Stout.

During the football season just closed Stout, aside from his duties of captain, played a great game at end for the Tiger.

While Princeton failed to win over Yale, its 34-0 defeat of Harvard made the season a success. No Princeton team ever gave the Crimson such a whaling.

Many of the football experts rate Stout as worthy a place on the All-Eastern team.

With football over, Stout has turned his attention to hockey. The fact that he is captain of the hockey team is a tribute to his popularity at Princeton.

Last season injuries kept him out most of the hockey season. He is fit this year, however, and hopes to lead Princeton to an ice championship.

Billy Evans Says

The sale of Pitcher Stanley Coveleski to the Washington club recalls a joke some of the Cleveland players once put over at his expense.

Coveleskie is a quiet chap. His two longest words are yes and no. Some Cleveland players insist he has sat on the bench for days without uttering a word.

He generally selects an out-of-the-way spots in the dugout, puts in a big chew of tobacco and is set for the day.

When brusque Bill Guthrie, who fears no man, broke into the American league as umpire, several Cleveland players decided to have a little fun with him.

When Bill was busy calling balls and strikes, some player from a point of vantage would take his judgment to task.

Just breaking in, Bill found it difficult enough to judge balls and strikes without looking in the direction of the Cleveland bench. Nevertheless he was considerably peeved.

"Who is making all those wise cracks on your bench?" asked Guthrie.

"Nobody but Coveleskie," answered one of the Cleveland players. "He sure can think of a lot of nasty things can't he?"

Biding his time, Guthrie waited patiently, until the next outburst. It came an inning later.

"Say, you big Pole," yelled Guthrie, "you better keep your mouth shut and save the saliva you're wasting for your 'spitter.' It's none too good. If you don't get wise to yourself I will probably have to mention you to Mr. Johnson in a special delivery letter."

Even then Covie didn't get the drift of the conversation. He kept chewing his cud of tobacco and looking off into space. As Guthrie turned his back someone yelled, "You're a far better detective than an umpire." Thinking it was Coveleskie, Guthrie shouted:

"The plate is just two inches wide the next time you pitch." Meaning Covie would have to make his strikes perfect. "For the rest of the day nothing but silence and plenty of it from you."

Happily at this stage of the proceedings some one put Guthrie wise or Coveleskie would have probably been chased to the clubhouse for the first time during his career.

Miller Huggins, mite manager of the Yankees, will probably never forget his first meeting with Guthrie.

On the very first play of the game, Guthrie, working at first base, called Whitey Witt out on a very close play. Witt entered strenuous objections. Before he had gotten very far Guthrie had put him out of the game. Huggins, coaching at third, fearing Witt would be chased, rushed over to see if he couldn't head off the trouble that he knew was imminent.

Huggins was about 20 feet from first base when Guthrie noticed him. Witt, in the meantime, had started for the Yankee clubhouse. Getting a glance at Huggins, Guthrie, in a most nonchalant manner, yelled:

"And by the way, Witt, you might as well take the bat boy along with you," referring to Huggins, of course.

ABOUT CIGARS

Give him something a little better than he buys for himself and you've given something that's bound to please.

Following is a partial list of cigars carried in boxes of 25. Kilby, La Preferencia, Muriel, Overland, El Roi Tan, Admiration, Marguerite, E. & E. Perfecto, Special Seleccion, E. & E. Invincible, Mozart, Chancellor, Prince de Gales, Rock's Panetella, Romeo & Juliet, Carolina Perfecto, Robert Burns and Manco.

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GENE TUNNEY TO MEET TOMMY GIBBONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion who a year ago filed a challenge naming Mike McTigue, world titleholder, with the New York state athletic commission, has been awarded a bout with Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight who stood 15 rounds with Jack Dempsey at Shelby, Mont., and more recently knocked out Kid Norfolk of Baltimore.

McTigue who has no license in New York, has promised to appear before the commission for several months, but has failed to do so. Tunney, also, is far from being an intimate friend of the rulers of boxing since his failure some weeks ago to discuss a match with Gibbons in Madison Square Garden.

McTigue is understood to be insisting on another outdoor bout this summer if he is to defend his title and is expected to meet the winner of the Tunney-Gibbons battle, if such a match is arranged.

BUGLERS TO HERALD ARRIVAL OF XMAS

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 24—Buglers stationed about the city will herald the arrival of Christmas to residents of Troy, according to proclamation of Mayor Harry E. Clinton. The notes of Christmas carols will be sounded by the 12 buglers at 11.55, 12.05 and 12.10 tonight, the heralds being stationed at churches, police precinct stations, street corners and in the city parks.

KELLEY SURE WONDER, SAYS STAN HARRIS

By NEA Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Manager Stanley Harris of the Washington club says that, all things considered, he regards First Baseman George Kelley of the Giants as the most remarkable player in the majors.

"Being six feet six inches, it would be supposed that his unusual height would tend to make him clumsy on the ball field. Instead, he is all grace," says Harris.

"I never saw a better stop than he made on Collin while playing second to end one of the world series games. In center field, he pulled a couple of circus catches, while his first-base play could not have been improved upon.

"I regard any player who can step into three difficult positions in a world series and do the fine job that Kelley did, nothing short of a wonder player."

HELD ANNUAL SUPPER

Over 50 employes of the Whitehall Manufacturing company were the guests of the organization at the annual supper held last evening in the Yun Ho restaurant. William J. Wilson was the toastmaster of the evening and under his direction an excellent program of musical numbers and recitations was given. He was assisted by John Shanahan. The committee in charge of last evening's affair consisted of William J. Wilson, Robert C. Cairns, William Gulta, Armand Bertrand, John Shanahan and Percy Bington.

The chief oriental market for American kerosene is North China.

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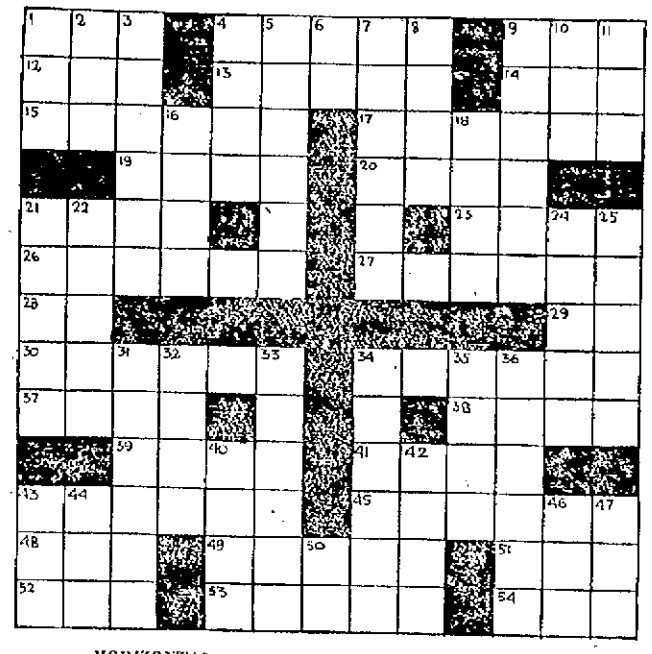

HORIZONTAL

1. Cat's cry.
4. What you do in a hammock.
9. Droop.
12. A constellation.
13. One who partakes of food.
14. Frozen water.
15. Able to have.
17. A poem.
19. Untrammeled.
20. Small shoot of a tree.
21. Exchange of goods for money.
23. Van; also a metal.
26. Summits.
27. To come out.
28. How a cockney says him.
29. Just supposin'.
30. Recall.
34. Artful; crafty.
37. Garden of ——.
38. Smile contemptuously.
39. Very small particle.
41. Not closed.
43. Severities.
45. What you steer a ship with.
45. Part of the verb to be.
49. Gets the better of.
51. —— cent.
53. Slush.
54. Affectionate father.

VERTICAL

1. European gull.
2. A Dutch garden plot.
3. A wide, flat cake you eat for breakfast.
4. Wither.
5. People who wade.
6. A pronoun.
7. Lie snugly.
8. Increase in size.
9. One who sings.
10. Tops the king.
11. Come in possession of.
16. Native metals.
18. A river in Egypt.
21. Frighten.
22. Equipped with firearms.
24. Nimble.
25. To put off.
31. Scant.
32. A preposition.
33. A girl.
34. Games.
35. Bereft of blood.
36. Cared for.
40. Globes.
42. Shove.
43. Gentle knock.
44. Anger.
46. Age.
47. A color.
50. As.

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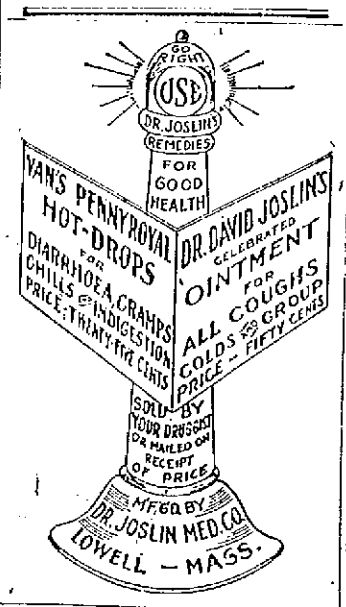

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A delightful miscellaneous shower was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Bean, in honor of Miss Mary Connolly, where about 50 of her friends gathered to wish the bride-to-be happiness. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and white for the occasion. After the gifts were opened and refreshments served, a dancing exhibition was given by Mrs. Thomas Seery. Mrs. Thomas Murphy entertained with several solos and also gave several selections on the ukulele. The hostesses of the evening were Mrs. Harry Bean, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Miss Julia Smith and Miss Mollie Downey. Miss Connolly is soon to become the bride of Mr. John Graham.

CENTRALVILLE SOCIAL CLUB

A routine meeting of the Centralville Social club was held last evening in the club rooms in Lakeview avenue, with President Alberic Branchaud in the chair. A number of committee reports were made, among which was a progress-report of the committee in charge of arrangements for the installation of officers, which is to be held on Tuesday evening, January 6.

LICENSE COMMISSION

The License commission held a brief session last night and granted the following petitions to sell ice cream, fruit and confectionery on the Lord's day: Ernestine Dureault, 19 Fisher street; Alphause Beland, 150 Aiken avenue; William Gerow, 17 Waterford street. A license to conduct a pool and billiard parlor at 286 West Sixth street was granted to Harry Lowe.

TODAY IN WASHINGTON

Senate and House in recess.

Joint Congressional committee continues hearings on administration bill to increase postal rates.

Government business suspends with mid-day closing of all executive departments for Christmas holidays.

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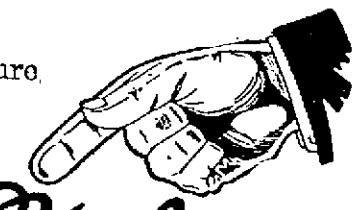

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4-ALARM FIRE IN BROOKLYN

Shopping District Menaced Early Today by Fire in Four-Story Building

Department Store Nearby Saved From Damage—Loss Set at $500,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Brooklyn's shopping district was menaced early today by a four-alarm fire which swept through the cellars and ground floor of a four-story building in Fulton street, causing damage estimated at $500,000.

The Frederick Loeser & Co. department store, separated from the burning building only by an alley, was saved from damage. Numerous other stores in the district, the heart of the borough's shopping center, were menaced.

HARD GOING BETWEEN HERE AND BOSTON

Drivers of the Lowell to Boston busses on the Eastern Massachusetts line reported this noon that travel between here and the Hub today is the worst they ever have experienced. A trip that normally requires one hour and a quarter cannot be made in less than two hours and a half.

Ice-covered highways present dangerous conditions and it is said that this forenoon the Boston route traversed by the bus was strewn with automobiles damaged in collisions with stone walls, fences and poles after skids.

SAY MOODY ST. WOMAN DRANK IODINE

A woman whose name is given as Mrs. Amanda Beltmare, of Moody st., was taken in the ambulance to the Lowell Corporation hospital shortly before midnight last night suffering from poisoning, resulting from drinking iodine. At the hospital this afternoon it is reported that her condition is very much improved and is not considered serious.

BANK AND EVERY STORE IN TOWN LOOTED

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 24.—The bank and practically every store in Paradise, Wise county, were looted last night, according to word received this morning. The bandits are believed to be the ones who sacked and burned Valley View last week. The amount of the loot has not been determined.

PAY $5 TO $10 FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—Christmas tree shortage which sent prices to from $5 to $10 each, with hundreds of late buyers fighting for the privilege of paying speculators these prices, developed here today. Small trees which usually retail between 25 and 50 cents, soared to $2 and $3 over night, the larger trees jumping from $5 early in the morning to $10 at night.

The shortage was declared by dealers to be due to the fact that a larger surplus of trees has been shipped into Minneapolis every year and that market was over-supplied. This year the regular dealers bought smaller supplies and the tree speculators stayed out of the market.

WILL SIT IN AT SPECIAL MEETING

The election commission ruled this morning that Councilor-elect John P. O'Connell, who was named in the special Ward 5 election yesterday to succeed Representative-elect Daniel F. Moriarty, resigned, is eligible to sit with the council as a member at the special meeting Friday evening.

Some doubt was expressed as to when Councilor O'Connell's term would begin, many contending he could not be sworn in to office until the first of the year, and the election commission decided upon the matter this morning.

$100,000 TO FIGHT FOWL PLAGUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge today signed the bill appropriating $100,000 to enable the department of agriculture to combat the European fowl plague and other diseases which have led to an embargo by New York and other eastern states against live poultry from the middle west. The department's campaign already has been inaugurated.

SPECIAL CAR SERVICE

Special electric car service will be run during the early hours tomorrow morning for the benefit of persons attending midnight masses in the majority of Catholic churches. Supt. Thomas J. Sayers of the local division said this morning. The service will be similar to that provided last year and every possible step will be taken to have car service wherever there is any demand for it.

NOTED SCIENTIST DEAD

SO. PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 24.—Philip Rahtjen, scientist, poet, yachtsman and recent discoverer of the germ of anemia, died at the Mount Washington hospital here yesterday, it became known today. Death is said to have resulted from accidentally drinking a poisonous solution in his Hollywood laboratory eleven days ago.

SEN. UNDERWOOD ILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senator Underwood of Alabama is ill at his home here, suffering from an attack of grippe. His condition is said to be not serious.

EXHUMATION ORDERED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Chief Justice Hopkins of the criminal court today issued an order for the exhumation of the body of William N. McClintock, "millionaire orphan," who died Dec. 1.

WILL OF EX-GOV. GLYNN

Bulk of Estate Worth Between $750,000 and $1,000,000 Left to Widow

Brothers and Sister Are Well Remembered—$1000 to St. Agnes' Cemetery

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Under the will of former Gov. Martin H. Glynn, offered for probate here today, the bulk of the estate, estimated to be worth between $750,000 and $1,000,000, is bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Mary Magrane Flynn, formerly of Lynn. With the exception of a bequest of $1000 to St. Agnes' cemetery, this city, the legatees are relatives of the testator.

A trust fund of $50,000 for the benefit of a brother, James T. Glynn, long associated with Gov. Glynn in the publication of the Albany Times-Union, is created, and legacies of $10,000 each are provided for two brothers, Frank and John Glynn of Valatia, and a sister, Mrs. Bernard Shaughnessy of Milton, Mass. Mrs. John Hickey, another sister, was left $30,000.

ANDERSON, RELEASED ON PAROLE, IS REARRESTED

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Released from Sing Sing prison on parole this forenoon after serving nine months for third degree forgery, William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, was immediately arrested on indictments charging grand larceny and extortion.

Anderson walked from the prison at 10.15 o'clock in the custody of Detective Charles Kane, attached to the district attorney's office in New York city. They left at once for New York city where Anderson is to be arraigned and bail fixed.

Anderson's request that he be allowed to make the trip to New York city in his own automobile was refused by Detective Kane, who insisted that they go by train.

Anderson declined to make any statement to the score of newspapermen who were waiting at the prison gate.

The warrants for Anderson's arrest were served on him in the prison yard. He was not surprised. According to prison employes, Anderson accepted the $10 which is always given to prisoners in leaving Sing Sing. He wore his own suit, however, instead of that given to departing prisoners.

The warrants for Anderson's arrest had been forwarded here from New York city, where indictments for grand larceny and extortion were returned at the same time that the indictment charging forgery in the third degree were returned.

Anderson had served nine months of a sentence of from one to two years for the third degree forgery conviction.

Arrives in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William H. Anderson, who was released from Sing Sing on parole this morning, reached New York at 11.30 o'clock and was taken immediately to the office of District Attorney Banton to be arraigned on the four indictments pending against him. He told newspapermen that he had no statement to make.

Anderson's bail was fixed at $5000. This sum was furnished by a surety company.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Despite the temporary let-up in trading on the New York stock exchange, Wall Street today prepared to celebrate one of the most cheerful holidays in its history. Banking and brokerage house employes have shared more generously than ever before in the prosperity which has come to these institutions during the current stock market boom. The value of bonuses and gifts distributed in the last two weeks, it was estimated, would total at least $50,000,000, the highest figure on record.

Directors of the Invincible Oil corporation have declared a final liquidation dividend as a part of the company's plan for dissolution. The payment provides for the exchange of one share of Louisiana Oil Refining corporation for each share of Invincible on and after Dec. 26.

Sales of cars, trucks and tractors by the Ford Motor car company in the United States during the first eleven months of 1924 exceeded all previous records with a total of 1,833,882 compared with 1,756,202 in the same period of 1923.

CORCORAN TRIAL IS POSTPONED

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Because of the illness of William J. Hartnett, one of the defendants, the trial of William J. Corcoran, former district-attorney of Middlesex county, and four others on charges of conspiracy to extort $50,000 from Victor A. Searles of Boston and Atlantic City was adjourned today until Monday in Suffolk superior court. The defence announced that it was unwilling to proceed in the absence of Hartnett, who is suffering from grippe.

The indictment charges that Searles was trapped in an apartment by a blackmail gang with the assistance of two women "lures."

PROTEST CLOSING OF LINE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Senator-elect H. P. Gifford of Salem today filed with the clerk of the senate a measure by which the attorney-general would be asked to take such steps as he might deem appropriate to protect the public interests in connection with the proposed abandonment of the Wakefield-Newburyport branch of the Boston and Maine railroad and other parts of the system. He asked also that the attorney-general represent the state and the communities involved at the hearings on the subject to be held probably in February.

DEER WORTH $35,324 KILLED

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 24.—The total number of deer killed in Vermont in the open season was 1511, valued at $35,324.09, with a total weight of 264,916 pounds of venison.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER

Warrant for Arrest of Woman Who Sent Poison Candy to Husband's Son

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A warrant charging Mrs. Minna Ensminger, of Columbia, Miss., second wife of George E. Ensminger, a professional golfer, with attempted murder in the sending of poison candy through the mails, today was on its way to the sheriff of Marion county, Mississippi.

Miss Harriet Mosier of this place, was in a stricken condition from eating the candy. Wrapped in a package containing Christmas greetings, the candy had been sent as a gift to George E. Ensminger, Jr., 6-year-old son of Ensminger by his divorced wife. The boy lives here with Miss Mosier, who is his grand-aunt.

Denials that the candy contained poison have been made at Columbia, Miss., by Mrs. Ensminger.

The warrant for Mrs. Ensminger's arrest was issued after an investigation by Olean authorities.

Efforts were being made to reach Ensminger, who was said to be in Gulfport, Miss., according to word received here. Ensminger was divorced from his first wife last June.

OPPOSES ADVANCE IN POSTAL RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A charge that the postoffice department's cost ascertainment report was especially aimed at newspapers and periodicals was made today before the senate postoffice sub-committee by Arthur J. Baldwin, president of the National Publishers' association.

Appearing at public hearings to oppose the $10,000,000 advance in second class mail rates under the administration bill to take care of pay raises for postal employes, Baldwin said Joseph Stewart, who had charge of the compilation of the report, had an obsession that the second class mail was a big burden to the department.

"I think, he said, "this report is framed with one specific thing in mind, to show that the enormous cost in the postoffice is in the handling of second class mail matter."

Referring to the rural free delivery charge against periodicals, Baldwin said congress established this service not for the benefit of the publishers but of the farmers. This service costs about $100,000,000.

"That $100,000,000 should be regarded as an appropriation for the relief of the rural population," said he.

Baldwin said he was not present to say that the increase in the salaries of postal employes is not justified as merited.

"I am here to say," he declared, "that as far as the method of raising it is concerned, it is wrong."

Like the American Newspaper Publishers' association, Baldwin's organization protested against the short time given for the publishers to argue on the cost ascertainment report.

Chairman Moses interrupted to say that he "regarded some of the conclusions in the report with skepticism."

Baldwin disagreed with some committeemen that the post office department should be self-sustaining. He declared it should not be so as long as congress decreed that it should handle free matter for other departments, should carry literature for the blind without charge and perform other services at a loss.

"There is nothing logical or equitable in that arrangement," he said. "Congress provides for this service and then says that the other classes pay for it."

Baldwin also disagreed with the experts that the cost of handling each piece of mail should be based on time and not on weight or bulk. He asserted that it must cost more to handle an 80-pound parcel post package than a newspaper.

PRES. COOLIDGE GREETS DISABLED VETERANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Among the first Christmas greetings to go out from official Washington today were those sent by President Coolidge to "the men whose disabilities tell most eloquently of their service and sacrifices in the armed forces of the nation."

The president sent his message through the disabled American veterans and it amplified greetings broadcast to the army and navy by Secretaries Weeks and Wilbur.

"Their valor which aroused the world's admiration during hostilities," President Coolidge said of the disabled veterans, "has since engaged our continuing respect because of their courageous fight to heal the wounds of war. I know that their splendid efforts in this direction will receive encouragement from their fellow citizens who are determined that every assistance will be forthcoming to overcome their honorable handicaps."

APPLICATION MADE BY KU KLUX KLAN RETURNED

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 24.—The secretary of state today returned the application made by the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia to do business in Vermont on the grounds that the application is incomplete as provided in Vermont law and that it does not set forth whether it contemplates doing business in Vermont and does not come within the spirit of Vermont law. He also returned the application of the women's organization of the Klan for practically the same reasons.

PROMINENT FITCHBURG ATTORNEY DEAD

FITCHBURG, Dec. 24.—James Arthur Stiles, long a prominent lawyer in Worcester county and former district-attorney, died today at his home in Gardner in his 72th year. He was a native of Fitchburg and was graduated from Harvard in 1877.

Mr. Stiles was associated at one time with Judge Edward P. Pierce, now of the Massachusetts supreme court. He was county prosecutor from 1910 to 1916 and was counsel for Gardner and other municipalities. Mr. Stiles was republican candidate for attorney-general in 1911. The funeral will be held in this city Friday afternoon.

WHITE HOUSE DENIAL

No Intention of Initiating Controversy Over Jusserand's Address

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An insinuation in some quarters to make a diplomatic incident out of White House comment yesterday on Ambassador Jusserand's recent address on the French debt, led to a White House statement today disclaiming any intention of initiating a controversy.

The statement was issued after a conference between President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes and had reference to an authorized version of the president's views given out informally at the White House yesterday. According to that version, Mr. Coolidge saw no reason why the American government should take notice of Ambassador Jusserand's public statement that France desired a moratorium and that the ambassador had chosen to make his suggestion in a speech addressed to the American public despite the fact that the American debt commission is the proper agency to deal with such questions.

Today's statement was as follows:

"It was said at the White House today that it was well understood that Ambassador Jusserand had made known his views to Secretary Mellon as to the French debt some time ago, and that this was communicated to the commission.

"Nothing to the contrary has been given out at the White House. The comment of yesterday was simply a refusal to discuss in any way a recent address of Ambassador Jusserand."

NEW YORK MAYOR TESTIFIES AT INQUIRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mayor Hylan testified today at Supreme Court Justice McAvoy's inquiry into transit conditions in New York city.

He presented a long statement which he said covered the case so far as he was concerned.

While the justice was looking over the document—it took him 15 minutes to do so—the mayor sat in the witness chair chewing gum and twirling his thumbs nervously.

Henry L. Sherman, counsel for Justice McAvoy asked the mayor if transit conditions in New York are deplorable. The mayor's reply was a denunciation of the activities of the state transit commission; he asserted that if this organization had forced the transit companies to give adequate service, conditions would not have been so bad.

"I know whereof I speak," he said, "not only as mayor but for many years as an employe and locomotive engineer. The state transit commission should compel the B. M. T. and the I. R. T. to operate at full capacity."

JUSTICE M'KENNA TO RETIRE FROM BENCH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Associate Justice McKenna of the supreme court expects within a few weeks to retire from the bench.

He said today, however, that the question had not yet taken final form and that circumstances might influence him later to modify his plans.

Although in comparatively good health, Justice McKenna now has passed his 81st birthday, and some of his intimates have urged that he give up the arduous duties of official life. He is far past the retirement age, but in the past has turned a deaf ear to all proposals that he give up active service. He came to the bench from California, after service as attorney-general in the cabinet of President McKinley.

Should his retirement deprive the Pacific coast of its only representative on the highest court, it is likely that another from that section will be named by President Coolidge to the vacancy. One of those mentioned is Secretary Wilbur of the navy department, a former chief justice in the California supreme court.

EVACUATION OF COLOGNE DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE

PARIS, Dec. 24 (By the Associated Press)—The evacuation of the Cologne area of the German occupied region on January 10, as conditionally set by the Versailles peace treaty, is deemed impossible by the French cabinet in view of the reports from the inter-allied military control commission. At this morning's cabinet meeting, the ministers approved a memorandum in which the French government expressed this conclusion.

Premier Herriot in submitting the document to the cabinet read a British government note regarding maintenance of the occupation.

The French memorandum is based on the control commission's official report already received, setting forth failure in some respects by Germany to comply with disarmament conditions. The cabinet, however, was also informed of later information regarding French discoveries of concealed arms, which strengthened the reasons advanced for refusal to evacuate the Cologne district.

TRAFFIC OFFICER KILLED BY BANK ROBBER

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Jacob Uhle, traffic policeman, was shot and killed today by a bandit who robbed the Frenchman street branch of the Marine bank of $74,000.

THREE DIPHTHERIA CASES REPORTED

Three cases of diphtheria were reported at the board of health office today, this being the largest number reported within the past several months.

Board of health officials believe the cause of the minor outbreak is due to inclement weather, as in the past similar outbreaks have followed snow and rain storms in the early winter.

An unusual feature of the case reported today is that all the patients are adults, whereas under ordinary circumstances the great majority of diphtheria cases are found in children of school age or younger.

BIG COMPANIES MERGED

Consolidation of Great Engineer Corporations in Canada Announced

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Consolidation in Canada between Vickers, Ltd., the great engineering and shipbuilding company, and the Combustion Engineering Corporation, Ltd., representing the Canadian interests of the Inter-National Combustion Engineering corporation, indicates a merger of far reaching significance to the engineering and industrial activities of Canada. A new company, the Vickers and Combustion Engineering, Ltd., has been formed with offices in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, which will cover the whole range of engineering work in the dominion embracing construction and equipment of steam power plants, hydraulic power plants, Diesel oil engine installations, mining and general machinery, pulverized coal equipment and other modern engineering appliances.

CHRISTMAS TO BE COLD, SAYS WEATHER BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The weather bureau reiterated today that Christmas will be cold almost generally over the United States with snow on the ground over most middle and north sections east of the Pacific states.

Although precipitation has occurred almost generally from the plateau region eastward within the last 24 hours, the weather will clear in the lower Ohio valley. Tennessee and the east gulf states tonight and in the South Atlantic and portions of the middle Atlantic states tomorrow. The rain will probably change to snow except in Florida and along the south Atlantic and east gulf states.

Cold weather will overspread all sections east of the Mississippi river within the next 24 hours.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for the east gulf states and small craft storm warnings are displayed from Bay St. Louis, Miss., to Apalachicola, Fla., and from Jacksonville Fla., to Cape Henry, Va.

TRAIN DERAILED, TWO MEN INJURED

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Canadian National railway train No. 1, bound from Montreal to Vancouver, was derailed at Woodlawn, 28 mile west of Ottawa, early today, but no passengers were injured. The engineer and fireman were slightly hurt.

The engine and tender and seven cars left the rails, all remaining upright with the exception of the engine and the express car. Sleeping, dining and observation cars were taken back to the Ottawa terminal where the train was detoured via Renfrew sub-division and North Bay for the west.

OMNIBUS PENSION BILL IS SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge today signed the omnibus pension bill granting pensions to a number of individuals who have served in the armed forces of the country.

MAN FATALLY STABS WIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Carl Smith, 30 years old, a clerk, today stabbed his wife to death as she was entering her place of employment in West 14th street. He was captured after a chase. "She was breaking up my home," was all that Smith would tell the police.

WAGE REDUCTION

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 24.—The Nyanza mills here, with offices in Boston, posted notices of a wage reduction effective Dec. 29. The cut is understood to be 10 per cent, which will effect 600 operatives. The plant manufactures high grade cotton yarns.

NO LOSS OF LIFE

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 24.—There was no loss of life and nobody got wet when a shore boat of the U.S.S. Idaho, tied to the ship's boom, capsized in the harbor here today in a 35 mile wind. Nobody was aboard the craft when it turned over.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Stock prices moved irregularly lower at the opening of today's market with trading of a pre-holiday character. Except for declines of a point each in Union Bag & Paper and Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred, initial recessions were held to fractions. Coppers were firm, Anaconda touching a new 1924 top at 41⅞.

Price movements were the narrowest of any morning session since election day. West Penn Power which broke more than 11 points yesterday, rallied three points and General Electric moved up 2½. Gains of a point or so were recorded by Cuban Dominican Sugar, Missouri Pacific preferred and American Radiator. American Woolen, Delaware & Hudson and Congoleum each sagged a point. Foreign exchanges were quiet, sterling yielding slightly and the other principal currencies showing only nominal changes.

Bullish operations were resumed in several groups of stocks despite the marking up of the call money renewal rate to 4½ per cent. Traction issues were especially buoyant, Market Street Railway preferred jumping eight points, the second preferred 5¾ and the prior preferred 6. United States Cast Iron Pipe advanced 5 points to 163, a record top, and then forfeited more than half its gain. Other strong spots included Ann Arbor common, General Electric and Cuban Dominican Sugar, up 2¾ to 1½, while Brooklyn Manhattan Transit, Hudson & Manhattan, DuPont, Universal Pipe, Norfolk and Western each advanced two points or more, buying of the last named being influenced by the excellent November earnings report.

Copper and Smelting issues and motor shares went up to new high altitudes under the impulse of the afternoon buying, with General Motors which rose 1½ points and American Smelting rose to 91⅝. DuPont also climbed 4 points, and there were advances of 2 to 3½ to a number of other industrials and specialties. S. S. Kresge jumped 10 points to 162, a record figure. Lackawanna moved up 2 points on the declaration of an extra dividend of $1. A block of 20,000 shares of Reynolds Tobacco B changed hands at 76⅜.

Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Foreign exchange steady: Great Britain demand, 4.70; cables, 4.70¼; 60-day bills on banks, 4.67¼; France demand, 5.39; cables, 5.39½; Italy demand, 4.26¾; cables, 4.27¼; Belgium demand, 4.79; cables, 4.97½; Germany demand, 23.81; Holland demand, 40.31; Norway demand, 15.01; Sweden demand, 26.81; Denmark, 17.60; Switzerland demand, 19.39; Spain demand, 13.91; Greece demand, 1.81; Poland demand, 19¼; Czecho-Slovakia demand, 3.02⅛; Jugoslavia demand, 1.51; Austria demand, .0014¼; Rumania demand, 61½; Argentina demand, 39.25; Brazil demand, 11.50; Tokio demand, 38½; Montreal, 99 23-32.

Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton futures opened steady: January 23.35; March 23.80; May 24.13; July 24.31; October 23.73.

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Allis Chal	73	71½	73
Am Beet Sug	42⅝	42¼	42⅝
Am Can	155	152½	154⅝
Am H and L pfd	68⅝	65	68
Am Loco	100	98⅜	99⅝
Am Smelt	95⅝	89	95
Am Sug	53⅝	52½	53
Am T and T	129¾	129½	129⅝
Am Wool	64⅝	62⅝	64⅜
Anaconda	15	41	15
Atch	117⅝	117	117¼
do pfd	95¼	95¼	95¼
At Gulf	19⅞	19	19⅞
Baldwin	130⅞	129½	130⅜
B and O	79	77¾	79
Beth Steel	19	18½	18⅞
Beth Steel	19	18½	48⅞
B R T	38½	37	38½
Butte and Sup	24	20⅝	22¼
Cal Pet	22¼	22¼	22¼
do pfd	98½	98½	98½
Can Pac	150½	150¼	150½
Cent Lea	19	19	19
do pfd	55	55	55
Ches & O	93¼	92½	93½
C & Gt W	9⅝	9⅝	9½
do pfd	26⅞	26¾	26⅞
C R I & P	45	44½	45
Chile	35¾	34⅝	35⅝
Col G & E	46½	46¼	46½
Col Fuel	42	41	42
Con Gas	76⅝	76½	76⅝
Corn Prod	40⅞	40⅝	40⅞
Cru Steel	72⅝	71¾	72⅝
Cuba Cane	13¾	13¼	13¼
Del & Hud	134⅞	134¼	134⅞
Erie	31	30⅝	31
do pfd	45⅝	45	45⅝
Gen Elec	293¾	291	293¾
Gen Motors	63¼	61	63¼
Granby	19⅞	19	19⅞
Gt No pfd	73⅞	72½	73⅞
Gt N Ore ctf	33½	33	33⅜
Ill Cen	115½	115⅜	115⅝
Int Mer Mar	13¼	12⅞	12⅞
do pfd	43⅝	43	43⅜
Int Paper	54	51⅝	54
Kennecott	55	53¾	54⅞
K City S	35½	35⅜	36
Lehigh Val	78½	76¾	78¼
L & Nash	106	106	106
Maxwell	83	83	83
do 1st	36½	35⅝	35⅞
Mother Lode	8½	8¼	8½
Mo Pac	31½	30⅝	31¼
Nat Lead	166¼	158	166¼
Nevada	15½	15¼	16½
N Y Air B	64½	63⅝	63½
N Y Cent	118¾	117⅞	118¼
N Y and N H	31¼	30⅝	30⅞
Nor & West	131	128⅝	130⅝
No Pac	70¾	70	70⅝
Ont and West	131	128⅝	130⅝
No Pac	26⅝	26¼	226¼
Pan Am	63	61½	63⅝
Penn	48¼	48⅛	48¼
Pitts Coal	49	48⅝	49
P W V	72½	71	72½
Pullman	150½	148¾	149½
Pure Oil	29⅛	28	29
Ray Con	16⅝	16	16½
Ry St Sp Co	132	132	132
Reading	74¼	72¾	71¼
Rep I & S	66⅝	65⅛	66⅝
do pf	71½	71¼	91¼
Royal D	19⅝	19⅜	19⅝
St Paul	16¼	16	16
Sinclair Oil	16¼	16¼	16¼
So Pac	102½	101⅜	102⅝
So Ry	78	77⅝	78
Stewart	70¼	67½	70¼
Stude	45⅞	44½	45⅝
Tenn Cop	8¾	8⅝	8¾
Tex Pac	45	44½	45
Third Av	13½	13¼	13½
U. Pac	149½	148⅝	149
do pf	74⅝	75⅝	75¾
U S I Al	83¾	83½	83⅝
U S Rub	40⅞	39¼	40½
do pf	94½	93⅝	94½
U S Steel	118¼	117⅞	118¼
do pf	122¼	121⅞	122¼
Utah Cop	84½	84½	84½
Va Chem	2½	2¼	2¼
Wab	21¼	20¾	21¼
do A	57	56	57
Willys	10½	10	10¼
Wes'house	68⅞	68⅛	68⅝
Wes Un	114	114	114

MASS. BIRTH RATE

Increase Shown in Annual Report—Deaths and Divorces Decrease

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The birth rate in Massachusetts increased in 1923 showing a continued excess over the death rate and divorces were more numerous, it was shown in the annual report on vital statistics made public by the secretary of state today.

The 89,210 births were 1.5 per cent more than in 1922. The number of infants born to foreign-born parents fell off 1.9 per cent, the number of native parents increased 1.91 per cent and the births among mixed parents increased 3.6 per cent. Although the birth rate now is less than it was half a century ago, the infant death rate also has declined, and the number of babies who survive infancy is becoming steadily greater.

The cities with 25,000 or more showing the highest birth rate per 1,000 population are: Chelsea, 31.2; Fall River 30.3; Cambridge 27.5; Pittsfield 26.7; Holyoke 26.1; and Lawrence 26. Fall River leads the cities with 100,000 or more. Divorces granted in 1923 numbered 3593, an increase of 9.6 per cent over the previous year and 13.0 per cent over the average previous five years. Over two-thirds of the total in the period from 1900 to 1923 were granted to wives. Divorces granted on grounds of desertion represented 18.2 per cent of all these. The average number of years the libellants were married in 1923 was 10.4, the lowest since 1900.

BOSTON, Dec. 24—An advance of one point in Amoskeag was the principal change in the early market today, which was marked by pre-holiday dullness. Boston & Maine B, Copper Range and Arizona commercial, were slightly highly, and Walworth and American Telephone fractionally lower.

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Amoskeag	73	72½	72½
Am Pneu	3½	3½	3½
Arcadian	2½	2¼	2⅞
Ariz Com	13¼	12⅝	13¼
Bos El	76½	75½	76½
Bos & Me	16	15½	15¾
Bos & Me A	25	21½	24½
Bos & Me B	36½	36	36½
Cal & Ariz	64¼	64	64¼
Cal & Hec	17⅜	16⅞	17⅜
Carson Hill	80	75	80
Cop Range	29	27⅞	25⅞
E Butte	4½	4½	4½
East Mfg	5¼	5½	5½
Edison Elec	199	199	199
Franklin	70	70	70
Gray & Davis	4	4	4
Isle Roy	19	19	19
Lake	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Lib McN	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
Mayflower	2¼	1¾	2½
Mohawk	36⅞	36½	36¾
Nat Leather	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
New Cornelia	23½	23½	23½
No Butte	2⅝	2½	2½
Old Dom	24	23½	24
Orpheum	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
Quincy	27	26½	26½
Shannon	1	1	1
St. Mary	38	37½	38
Sup & Bos	1½	1½	1½
Swift & Co	114	113½	113½
Swift Intl	32½	32	32½
U Sh M	40	41½	42
do pf	27	27	27
U S Smel	38⅞	37	38¾
Ventura	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Waltham Watch	8	8	8
Wickwire Spencer	1½	1½	1½

HERRIOT IN MINORITY

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)) The Herriot government was put in a minority in the senate this afternoon, receiving 143 votes as against 153 on a clause in the amnesty bill which the senate is considering on its return from the chamber of deputies. The government desired to make obligatory the reintegration of the railroad strikers by the companies, but the senate refused to alter its stand that the reintegration be optional.

KARDOS FINED $2000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Louis Montgomery Kardos, Jr., convicted by a jury of trading against the account of a customer while a member of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Kardos & Burke, was fined $2000 today by Judge Nott of general sessions and given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary. He was released on $25,000 bail pending an appeal.

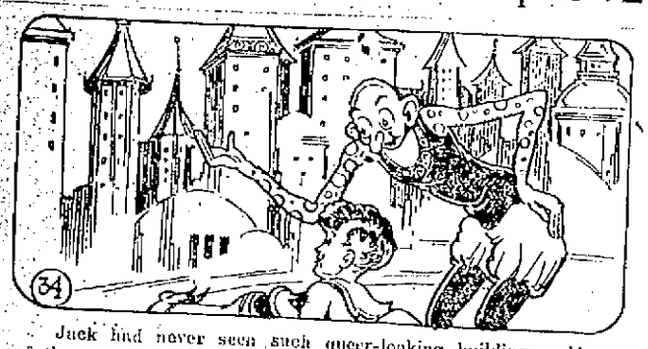
ROBINSON AGAIN UNDER KNIFE

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24—Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn National League Baseball club, today underwent a second operation at Union Memorial hospital, where he has been a patient for several weeks suffering from the after-effects of pleurisy. His condition is not regarded as dangerous.

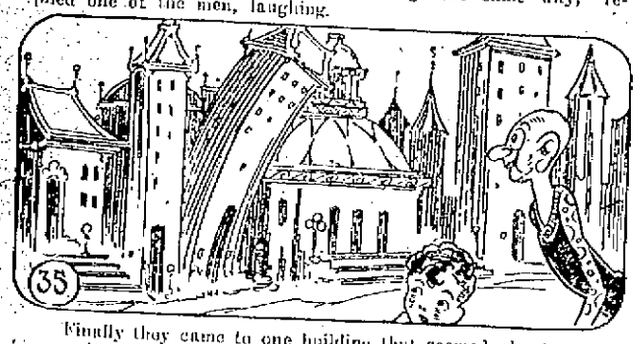
QUARANTINE ON POULTRY

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 24.—An order providing for a quarantine on all poultry coming into Maine from other states, for the purpose of preventing an outbreak of the European fowl plague was issued today by Herbert M. Tucker, chief of the division of animal industry of the Maine department of agriculture.

Jack Daw's Adventures. Chapter 12



Jack had never seen such queer-looking buildings. Most of them were tall and very narrow. "Why are they made so high, yet so thin?" he asked. "Oh, that's the way we tall men are built, so we make our buildings the same way," replied one of the men, laughing.



Finally they came to one building that seemed about to fall over. "Don't push me under that building," shouted Jack. "I believe it is going to crash down." "Oh, now," came the reply, "that's just that way because one of our lanky men leaned over in it and bent it."

Next they came to a place where the lanky men stopped pushing the auto. "Better go in and meet the chief of police," suggested one of the lanky men. "He's a nice fellow to know. If he likes you we won't get arrested for speeding." So Jack jumped out of the auto. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS by Olive Roberts Barton

THE TWINS VISIT SANTA CLAUS

"GOOD-BYE," SAID THE TOYMAKER. "I HOPE YOU'LL GET TO THE NORTH POLE ALL RIGHT."

Nancy got all the toys and dolls cleaned up that Snitcher Snatch had dirtied with the soot.

And the Toy Maker said he was ever and ever so much obliged.

"Goblins will be goblins," he said. "And Snitcher Snatch is no worse than the rest, I suppose. But he certainly is an awful nuisance. Here it is almost Christmas and I'm sure Santa Claus will wonder what I have done with his toys. He must be tired waiting so long."

"Can't we help?" said Nick quickly. "We haven't anything else to do and Johnny Sweep has his magic broom right here."

The Toy Maker struck his hands together. "The very thing!" he cried. "I've been wondering and wondering how I could get Santa Claus' toys to him. Can you take one bag to the North Pole right away?"

"We sure can," said Johnny Sweep. "We can tie the bag right on my broom. It's magic, you know."

"I certainly am much obliged," said the Toy Maker. "When can you start?"

"Right now," said Johnny Sweep. "You don't say so!" said the Toy Maker. "Well, the bag is all ready. Will you please help me to pack it?"

"We sure will!" said Johnny Sweep obligingly.

And Nancy and Nick said the same thing.

They put in skates and sleds and horns and drums and woolly lambs and doll babies and soldiers and books and mechanical toys and jumping-jacks and blocks and candy and so many things I can't remember them all.

The Twins and Johnny Sweep worked hard, and finally the great bag of toys was tied tightly to Johnny Sweep's broom.

"Good-bye," said the Toy Maker, "I hope you'll get to the North Pole all right. Give Santa Claus my love and tell him I hope he'll have enough toys to go around. I'll leave some extra ones on my roof and he can get them as he drives past in his sleigh."

"We will," called the Twins as they rode away. "We'll tell him everything."

They rode and rode and rode, over mountains and lakes and cities and fields until they began to think they would never get there.

But by and by they came to Santa's house.

Mrs. Claus answered the door.

"Mister Claus has just gone out to catch his reindeer," she said. "He has his sleigh all ready; it's been newly painted and everything. All he has to do is to hitch up and get started."

"We're glad we are in time," said Nick. "The Toy Maker was afraid he wouldn't have enough toys so he sent some more."

Mrs. Claus gave them some hot soup after their ride and just then Santa Claus came puffing in.

"Well, well, well!" he cried when he saw them. "If it isn't Nancy and Nick! Merry Christmas, my dears!"

(To Be Continued)

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
5.20	6.40	2.30	3.10	6.33	7.55	6.35	8.06
6.12	7.03	6.00	7.08	z7.50	8.47	10.35	11.53
6.25	7.26	*6.35	8.11	10.54	12.21	3.20	4.36
*8.33	7.35	7.35	8.23	8.40pa	5.47	5.11	6.15
h6.30	7.50	h8.15	9.33	5.14	6.35	6.55	8.14
8.14	7.30	9.00	9.39	7.12	8.30	9.59	11.17
6.05	8.00	10.00	10.22	10.20	11.33		
7.56	8.31	*10.35	11.53				
8.57	9.39	12.30	1.11	Sunday Trains Portland Division			
10.03	11.05	s1.05	2.03	12.07	1.22	3.29	4.42
10.54	12.21	s1.20	2.40	3.40	4.46	5.10	6.45
2.03	3.14	2.15	3.15	5.26	7.10	8.45	9.50
3.17	4.01	2.50	3.41	8.55	10.05		
4.10	5.38	*3.30	4.36				
4.45	6.48	4.00	4.42	Sunday Trains Southern Division			
*3.30	4.12	h4.00	5.24	6.12	7.03	8.45	9.55
4.00	4.45	z*4.15	6.36	6.41	7.30	10.00	10.39
5.12	6.25	5.00	6.42	8.30	9.40	10.30	11.11
*5.14	6.35	*5.14	6.18	9.13	10.10	1.00	2.05
6.55	9.40	5.21	6.42	10.20	11.17	*3.20	4.45
24.05	7.22	5.38	6.55	*12.07	1.22	5.30	6.24
6.58	7.41	5.50	7.17	2.52	3.35	*5.10	6.45
*7.12	8.25	6.14	7.22	*3.40	4.55	7.15	8.25
8.14	8.50	*6.55	8.14	4.59	5.54	8.00	8.41
9.53	10.50	8.00	8.41	*5.26	7.10	8.30	9.11
10.20	11.35	8.30	9.11	6.56	7.41	*8.45	9.50
		*9.05	11.17	7.14	8.27	9.25	10.35
		10.30	11.40	8.38	9.00	10.45	12.00
		11.35	12.42	8.55	10.05		
				9.55	10.50		

*via Lowell Junc.; h via Bedford; z via Wilmington Junc. and Lowell Junc.; s Saturdays.

THE SUN IS ON SALE AT BOTH NEWSSTANDS NO. STATION, BOSTON

THE OLD HOME TOWN

FIRE CHIEF OTEY WALKER PLAYED SANTA CLAUS AT THE CHURCH - HIS TRAINING AS A FIREMAN CAME IN HANDY WHEN HIS COTTON WHISKERS CAUGHT FIRE, HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

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DR. OTTO EICHEL DEAD

Was Director of Vital Statistics of New York State Dept. of Health

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Dr. Otto Eichel of Albany, N. Y., director of vital statistics of the New York state department of health, died here today from pneumonia.

He was on leave for temporary service with the League of Nations, of which he was chief of the epidemiological intelligence and statistics section.

Dr. Otto Eichel had been director of vital statistics for the New York state health department for the last seven years. He was one of the 23 Americans holding fellowship in the royal statistical society of England. He gained special prominence a few years ago for his conclusions based on a historical study of influenza cycles.

One of his chief functions at Geneva was to build up a system of international exchange of reports on epidemic diseases, particularly with regard to the prevalence and mortality.

IN NEW YORK

BY JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—See-sawing up and down Broadway saw Henry Miller in evening clothes and immediately thought of "The Man in Evening Clothes," his new play. Clever thinker, eh???? Saw Louis Wolheim, lately "the hairy ape" and now a profane soldier of the stage. He's called the ugliest man on Broadway. Once he was called a college professor. Saw Harpo Marx, versatile genius of slap-stick comedy, and he looks as dumb, as thick-headed in his street clothes as he does on the stage. Seeing more street fakers now that the Yuletide approaches. Latest novelties are toy violins and fur monkeys on a string. Saw great crowd of people before a toy display and grownups outnumbered children 12 to 1. Saw D. W. Griffith, the cinema master, wearing a light gray overcoat, he having given up his fad for checked designs in clothes. Seeing more and more ice-skaters, but so far New York has had no natural ice. The rinks do big business here throughout the year. Saw Rev. Charles Francis Potter, opponent of Dr. John Roach Straton in matters of fundamentalism, and he appears more the successful man that the successful clergyman. Seeing the opera singers enter the Metropolitan, they appear as so many garment workers entering a sweatshop.

Frank Gargan, coach and graduate manager of Fordham's football team, was stricken with appendicitis and removed to Lutheran hospital for operation. He has a telephone at his bedside and has been making 1925 schedule arrangements with other colleges by long distance.

—JAMES W. DEAN.

PRETTIEST CAPITAL CLERK

Miss Margaret Mattare will take the leading part of "Miss Federation" in "Uncle Sam's Follies," the show being staged in Washington by the girls employed in government offices.

DEFENDS SKUNKS AND PORCUPINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The porcupine is the most maligned animal in natural history fiction with the possible exception of the skunk, according to Guy Powers, United States forest ranger in Glacier National park. He says:

"Many stories have been told about porky throwing his quills at people and animals from a distance of several feet. As a matter of fact, no porcupine ever threw a quill at anybody in his life, and couldn't if he tried.

"If you look hold of a porcupine the quills, which are very lightly fixed in the skin, will come out and stick in your hand, but that isn't porky's fault. If you take hold of a live wire, you must expect to get burned.

"The skunk also is a much abused animal. I never heard of him annoying unless they annoyed him. If let alone he is perfectly willing not to create a stir, and will even make friends if opportunity offers. On many occasions I have had skunks come into camp for food, and I even made a pet of one and carried him around for weeks without disastrous results."

STEAMER BEACHED

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama canal at Lairs Point yesterday, and is now beached at Gamboa. She will be returned to Balboa for repairs.

Part of the cargo was ruined by water and the remainder is being unloaded into canal barges.

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Sarah B. Randlett, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Sadie M. Thurston, of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December, A.D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

CHARLES N. HARRIS, Register.

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Announcements

LOST AND FOUND

LADY'S HANDBAG, containing sum of money, found. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. 519 Central st. Roach & Co.

SMALL SUM OF MONEY found. Apply 32 Franklin st.

SMALL POCKETBOOK containing sum of money lost Saturday on Merrimack or Bridge sts., or stores. Return to 654 Bridge st. or Tel. 2155-J. Reward.

SUM OF MONEY lost in the Immaculate Conception church Monday morning. Return to 230 East Merrimack st. Reward.

FOURTH DEGREE, K. OF C., PIN lost in Immaculate Conception church. Finder return to Sun office.

PUPPY lost in Pawtucketville. Reward. 73 Tolman ave.

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Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of Philippe Roy, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Alice Daigle, administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the ninth day of January, A.D. 1925, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

CHARLES N. HARRIS, Register.

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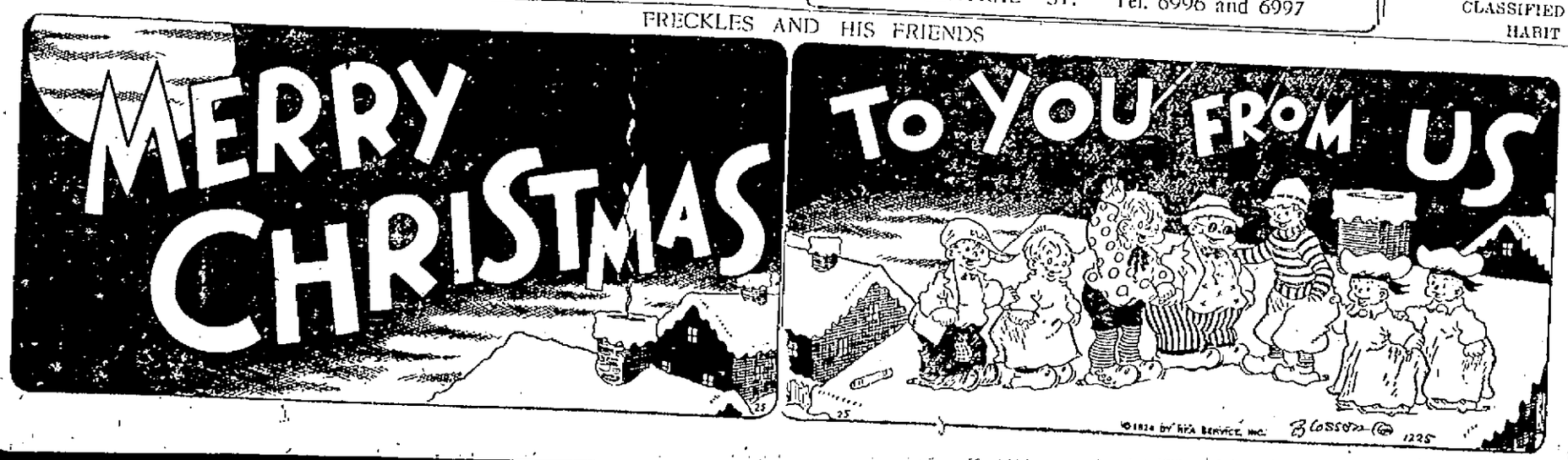

LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

THE LOWELL SUN

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1924

BODY OF "MILLIONAIRE ORPHAN" ORDERED EXHUMED AT CHICAGO

Authorities to Determine Whether Typhoid Fever Killed Wm. McClintock, While Miss Pope, His Fiancee, Waited at Bedside With Marriage License

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The body of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan," will be exhumed possibly today, to determine whether typhoid fever, as indicated in the death certificate, killed him three weeks ago, while Miss Isabelle Pope, his fiancee, waited at his bedside with a marriage license.

Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, and Oscar Wolff, coroner, who have started an exhaustive inquiry into his death at the instance of Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court, said pathologists would make a special examination for poison or other foreign matter in the vital organs.

The death occurred a few months after McClintock became of age and took possession of a $1,000,000 fortune left by his mother when he was four years old. In his will, signed a few days after he reached 21, the entire estate was left to William D. Shepherd, an attorney, whose wife was the youth's co-guardian with A. F. Richmann, also an attorney, except provision was made for an $8000 life annuity for Miss Pope.

McClintock had lived with the Shepherds since his mother's death and died at their home. According to Dr. Rufus B. Stolp, who signed the death certificate, a severe case of hemorrhagic typhoid, probably contracted from eating oysters, caused death.

Mr. Shepherd, visiting friends in Albuquerque, N. M., with his wife, declared over long distance telephone to a Chicago newspaper last night that "the boy died a natural death and there is no reason for an investigation." He said he had planned to return here in a week or two but might return at once.

Detectives last night searched the Shepherd home for bottles which had contained medicine given to McClintock during his illness, and questioned servants who had witnessed the signing of the will. Druggists who filled prescriptions were ordered to produce copies.

Announcement that an exhumation order would be sought was made yesterday after a conference between Judge Olson, a friend of the McClintock family, prosecutors, Attorneys Richmann and Henry K. Urion, an official of the Dartmouth College Alumni association of Chicago. McClintock attended Dartmouth.

Judge Olson said he started an investigation immediately after the death, but refused to state what caused him to become suspicious. The coroner's office made public an anonymous letter received two weeks ago in which a belief was expressed that McClintock had been poisoned. The letter said that had McClintock married before his death, disposal other than that provided for in the will would have been made of his fortune.

Attorney Richmann said young McClintock had discussed financial affairs with him but had not mentioned his intention of drawing up a will.

CANNOT TELL OWN WIVES

Women Constantly Changing Appearance, Husbands Fear Arrest For Bigamy

Vicar Comes Out Strongly Against Use of Paint and Powder by Women

Says Man Who Came Into Church With Blonde Went Out With Bobbed Brunette

KINGSTON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Rev. A. Wesseley Orr, vicar of St. Paul's church, Kingston Hill, has come out against the use of paint and powder by women. Writing to his parishioners, the vicar says:

"Even while we are signing the marriage registers in the church vestry, the bride may get in a few moments' work before the mirror with a powder puff, scissors and a bottle. The man who came into church in love with a blushing blonde takes out on his arm a blooming bobbed brunette.

"Some wives are so constantly changing their appearance that their husbands live in perpetual dread of being arrested for bigamy."

PLENTY OF BIRDS FOR CHRISTMAS FEASTS

Fresh-killed turkeys for the Christmas feasts tomorrow may be purchased at prices ranging from 17 to 52 cents per pound.

Local markets are well stocked with fresh-killed birds varying in weights to suit the most discriminating customer, leading marketmen reported this morning.

The demand has been excellent since fresh stocks arrived last Saturday morning, and no dealer complains of any lack of buying turkeys. Though trade is also excellent in fancy fowl and chickens, where prices range from 33 and 35 cents for the regular storage stocks, up to 38 and 39 cents for extra good qualities and 50 cents for the milk-fed chicken offerings.

Many markets in thickly-populated quarters of the city are selling good turkeys for as low as 37 and 39 cents, and report excellent patronage for the stocks offered.

In some of the markets, storage poultry is being sold at prices that are cut down almost to cost because of large purchases that were slow-moving this morning on account of the weather conditions retarding early trading for Christmas dinner requirements.

Nearly all markets handling large amounts of turkeys every holiday season, maintain the 47-cent price today for the finest there is. Occasionally there are fancier offerings, plumper and corn-fed varieties from New England north farms, just arrived, that will bring as high as 50 cents and in some cases 55. They appear to be worth the money, from the displays of a grateful in two large markets this morning.

In many respects, poultry of finest grades and weight ranges is remarkably cheap for this period of the year. Dealers admit that they never had an opportunity before to secure such excellent supplies in such large quantities. Many of the markets in the suburbs report a better demand for plump fowl and the yellow-skinned "chicks" of the three and four-pound kind that always sell themselves.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES ON MILK PLANNED

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A committee consisting of Richard Pattee, managing director of the New England Milk Producers' association, F. H. Edwards of the Vermont Federation of Creameries and W. M. Bradley of Skowhegan, Me., was expected to take steps today to inform the dairy interests of New England that an increase of twenty per cent in freight rates on milk was being considered by the railroads serving this section. The appointment of the committee followed a meeting of various dairymen here yesterday at which the subject was discussed. The attitude of the conference was said to be that the railroads were entitled to a fair transportation charge, sufficient to give good service, but that they would protest a 20 per cent increase unless the railroads could show cause.

Gerrit Fort, traffic manager of the Boston and Maine railroad, said the matter of a 20 per cent increase had been under discussion by the New England roads, but that no conclusion had been reached, and it might not come up for decision for some time. "We do think, however, that the time is near when the milk traffic should bear its proportionate share of the burden," he said, adding that new equipment was desired.

It was estimated at the conference that the proposed increase would be a quarter of a cent a quart, amounting in the aggregate on all roads to about $700,000 a year.

CORCORAN TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The government yesterday discontinued the charges against two of the six defendants who are on trial for alleged extortion of $50,000 from Victor A. Searles, an artist, who has been shown by testimony to have drawn a cheque for that amount to William J. Corcoran, former district attorney of Middlesex county, the principal defendant.

The prosecution then rested its case and Corcoran announced that he would offer no evidence.

Those against whom the charges were dropped yesterday were J. Warren Kane and Michael J. Lyons, alleged to have been in the employ of the blackmail ring that forced payments amounting to thousands of dollars from wealthy men and compromised by women lures of the gang. Whatever Kane and Lyons did was on orders from Corcoran, the district attorney said.

Searles was a witness yesterday, testifying to the party in a South End apartment in which he was surprised with Blanche Paul and Eleanor Barnes, two of the women used by the gang. He had gone there with Capt. Arthur E. Austin, whom he employed as a bodyguard, he said, for a bite of lunch and a few drinks, when four men representing themselves as detectives entered and one of them told him to see Corcoran about getting the matter fixed.

COLLECTION OF ASHES

There will be no municipal collection of ashes in the city tomorrow, Christmas being one of two holidays enjoyed by the employes of the ashes and waste division. The usual Thursday collections will be made on Friday and Saturday, with plans laid for work on the latter day until all sections are cleaned up.

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J. F. Donohoe, 222-223 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Tel.

Edward O'Brien, night foreman at the local car barn, is confined to the Lowell General hospital, following an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Reynolds, of 17 Ash street, are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl on Dec. 20th. Mrs. Reynolds was formerly Miss Catherine Higgins.

Police Guard Jackson

Continued

venture in the belief that it was wisely done.

Jackson's resignation as treasurer of the insurance company and as vice-president of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company, with which it is affiliated, was announced on Monday.

Jackson was up and around the ward at the city hospital where he is a patient, this forenoon, under surveillance by police officers. Attorney-General Benton, meantime, although not prepared to say publicly what move he would take in the case officially, was known to have taken steps to bring the facts to his office for consideration. The fact that the street railway company is in the hands of the public trustees, and that the state insurance department is interested, made the matter one in which the attorney-general's office is bound to protect the state's interest, it was said.

Invested Funds in Arkansas Oil

ELDORADO, Arkansas, Dec. 24.—Caleb S. Jackson, former Boston traction official, who twice attempted suicide in that city after disclosing that he had invested more than $50,000 of trust funds in Arkansas oil operations in conjunction with W. G. Banks of Shreveport, La., financed and for a time operated the National Petroleum Products company of this city and later built a pipe line to the east field, three miles from here, which was opened in 1922. The pipe line company is said to have been incorporated under the laws of Delaware but the status of the parent company is uncertain. Jackson came to Eldorado 18 months ago and made a second visit about a year ago.

Banks and Jackson's company have been through an extended legal history, a small refinery on the northern edge of the city having been leased and re-leased by them and become in turn the object of involved suits apart from the parent company. The purpose of Jackson's last visit here is believed to have been the supervising of the sale of the pipe line corporation which took place soon after.

Banks removed to Shreveport some time ago but friends in this city last night said that he still has faith in the properties regaining their former status and coming clear of legal entanglements.

CASES BEFORE THE U. S. COMMISSIONER

James E. Butler of Portsmouth, N. H., was arraigned this morning before U. S. Commissioner R. B. Walsh on a charge of illegal transportation and was ordered held in bonds of $300 for hearing on Dec. 29.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Michael Crutella of Lawrence, for whom a warrant was issued recently when he failed to appear on a date set for hearing, was taken before the commissioner and after arraignment was continued for hearing at a later date.

LOWELL MAN NAMED IS ELECTED COUNCILOR

E. B. Carney on Committee to Decide Plan for Adjustment of B. & M. Finances

John P. O'Connell Chosen by Voters of Ward 5 at Special Election

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A general committee of bond holders and stockholders to decide upon a plan for readjustment of the finances of the Boston & Maine railroad proposed a few days ago by Homer Loring, chairman

EDWARD B. CARNEY

of the executive committee of the board of directors, was made public today. It was announced that all those named had consented to serve at the request of the voting trustees. The general committee follows:

Reginald Foster, vice-president, New England Mutual Insurance Co.

Robert D. Brewer, treasurer, Provident Institution for Savings, Boston.

John R. Macomber, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston.

James L. Richards of Boston, director, New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company.

Former Governor Rolland H. Spaulding, Rochester, N. H.

Charles Francis Adams, representing the voting trustees.

W. Rodman Peabody, Harry G. Stoddard, James H. Hustis and Homer Loring, representing the directors, Boston & Maine railroad.

William Endicott of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston.

Edward Milligan, president, Phoenix Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.

W. L. Higginson, Jr., of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston.

Walter M. Parker, treasurer, Manchester, N. H., Savings bank.

Edward B. Carney, treasurer, Lowell Institution for Savings.

F. I. Emery, treasurer, Suffolk Savings bank, Boston.

B. & M. TO ABANDON LINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Boston & Maine railroad "in furtherance of a comprehensive plan to reduce the proportion of unprofitable mileage now operated" applied to the Inter-State Commerce commission today for permission to abandon four sections of its system in New Hampshire.

Officers of the road have recently announced their intention to cease operations on a very large proportion of the system.

Formal petitions declared the line from Greenfield to Keene, a distance of 29 miles, and those from Wilton to Greenfield, about 11 miles; from Belmont Junction to Belmont, four miles, and from Bethlehem Junction to Bethlehem, about three miles, all have been operated at a loss in recent years.

There was said to be no need in the public interest for the maintenance of operation on the lines involved.

BOAT OVERTURNS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 24.—A shore boat from the U. S. S. California, enroute to the shore overturned in the outer harbor here early today. The number of sailors thrown into the water or whether any were drowned was not determined in first reports.

JOHN P. O'CONNELL

voters of the ward at a special election yesterday over Frederick J. Gillis by a margin of 196 votes.

The special contest aroused considerable interest among the younger voters of the ward and drew out upwards of 1500 men and women. Polls were open from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. and the result was known at city hall at 8.30 o'clock.

Gillis led his opponent in precinct 1 by a narrow margin, the totals there being 145 to 132. In precinct 2, however, O'Connell began to pull away, when he received 243 votes to 194 for Gillis and in precinct 3 made victory certain by obtaining 490 votes to 300 for Gillis.

At the announcement of the result the O'Connell supporters staged a well-organized demonstration, including an automobile parade through the district and downtown streets.

The new councilor lives at 7 Everett street. He is a director and prominent member of the Y.M.C.I. and is popular in many circles.

MIDNIGHT MASSES IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Midnight masses will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches of the city tonight with the exception of St. Margaret's church where masses will be celebrated tomorrow at the regular Sunday schedule with the 11 o'clock mass being a solemn high mass.

In St. John's and St. Anne's Episcopal churches special musical programs will be given at the Christmas services tomorrow. In both churches the vested choirs will give special programs.

At the midnight masses tonight and at the solemn high masses to be celebrated tomorrow morning there will be elaborate programs with orchestral accompaniments in Catholic churches. Vested choirs and soloists will give specially arranged programs while in St. Jean Baptiste and St. Joseph's churches the ceremony of the shepherds will be given after the celebration of the midnight mass, and will be in the form of a low mass at which Christmas carols will be sung by the vested choirs.

UPHOLDS RUSSIAN CHURCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The attempt of the soviet church of Russia to take over control of the Russian Orthodox church and its properties here, failed today when State Supreme Court Justice Ford upheld the claim of the Metropolitan platon Rojtsevensky to the leadership of the Russian Greek church in North America, and the Aleutian Islands.

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THE WEATHER

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WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Man Alleged to Have Slashed Neighbor With Knife in North Street House Unable to Obtain Bail in District Court

Unable to furnish bail in the sum of $500 to guarantee his appearance in district court next Friday in answer to a complaint charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon on Samuel Bue, whom he is alleged to have slashed with a knife in the tenement at 22 North street last night, Theodore Ignatowicz will spend Christmas in the house of correction in East Cambridge. By order of the court, he was taken to that institution by Officer Peter Cawley this noon after pleading not guilty to the charge preferred against him.

The arrest of Ignatowicz was brought about last night when Sergt. Peter P. McManmon, Inspector John Walsh, and Officers Frank O'Dea and Myles P. Maloney, responded to an emergency call sent in to headquarters by residents of North street. When the officers arrived on the premises, they found Bue suffering from a painful knife wound under the left arm, and Ignatowicz, armed with a flatiron, in a decidedly belligerent mood. He was subdued by the officers, however, and taken to the station, where he was booked on the charge of assault with a knife. "Not a knife," he said, when confronted with the charge this morning and the court interpreted his statement as a plea of not guilty.

Bue, the victim of the alleged assault, apparently recovered from his injuries, was present in court, but as his wife is regarded as a material witness in the case, continuance to Friday was ordered.

BAD DAY FOR SHOPPING

Weather Man Makes Late Shoppers Pay Penalty of Procrastination

Lowell Stores Report a Good Christmas Business—Saturday's Receipts Large

Last minute and eleventh-hour Christmas shoppers today paid a penalty for procrastination, when the weather took a decided turn for the worse and brought rain and snow that laid a blanket of slush over sidewalks and streets.

Merchants felt the change in weather keenly and this noon reported a morning business too inconsequential to speak about. However, rain or no

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THE BRIDGE REFERENDUM

Withdrawal of Names From Petition Protested by Counsel for Petitioners

Protest of the withdrawal of signatures signed to the referendum petition against the appropriation of $125,000 for the construction of a bridge over Beaver Brook, was entered with the election commissioners this morning by Attorneys Arthur C. Spalding and John P. Farley, representing the petitioners.

Their protest was entered as a re-

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NO SUN TOMORROW

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From 7 Until 9 O'Clock

LOWELL TRUST CO.

Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Sweetin Convicted of Poison Murder of Wilfred Sweetin

Christmas Program

— TONIGHT —

Municipal observance at Memorial Auditorium. Band concert at Christmas tree, 7 to 9, followed by exercises in Auditorium.

Distribution of baskets by charitable organizations.

Tour of city by groups of Carol singers.

Holy Communion services at St. Anne's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock.

Midnight masses in all Catholic churches, except St. Margaret's.

Dances—Commodore Ballroom, Bay State Dancing School, Stratford's at Colonial hall, and Midnight party by Ramblers at Polish hall.

Open house and entertainment at Broadway club, from 7 tonight until 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Roller skating at the Crescent rink.

— TOMORROW —

Masses on same hours as on Sunday in all the Catholic churches. Special musical programs.

Christmas services in the Protestant churches.

Holiday dinners in all restaurants.

Entertainments in local hospitals and orphanages.

Christmas tree for members of Y. M. C. I., 2 p. m.

Broadway Club Christmas tree for "Acre" children, North Common, 2 p. m.

Christmas tree and gifts for children of Centralville by East End club, Bridge and First streets, 3 p. m.

Christmas tree and open house by Mathew Temperance Institute.

Special holiday programs in theatres, afternoon and evening.

Continuous roller skating, Crescent rink, 2 p. m. to 10.30 p. m.

Dancing at the Commodore Ballroom.

WILL SIT IN AT SPECIAL MEETING

The election commission ruled this morning that Councilor-elect John P. O'Connell, who was named in the special Ward 5 election yesterday to succeed Representative-elect Daniel F. Moriarty, resigned, is eligible to sit with the council as a member at the special meeting Friday evening.

Some doubt was expressed as to when Councilor O'Connell's term would begin, many contending he could not be sworn in to office until the first of the year, and the election commission decided upon the matter this morning.

N. Y. AND BOSTON CLEARING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $976,000,000. Balances, $110,000,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $66,000,000. Balances, $25,000,000.

SPECIAL CAR SERVICE

Special electric car service will be run during the early hours tomorrow morning for the benefit of persons attending midnight masses in the majority of Catholic churches, Supt. Thomas J. Sayers of the local division said this morning. The service will be similar to that provided last year and every possible stop will be taken to have car service wherever there is any demand for it.

King Fuad signs decree dissolving Egyptian parliament, elections are set for February 24 and convening of new parliament March 6.

Start Something

If you never start, you can never hope to finish.

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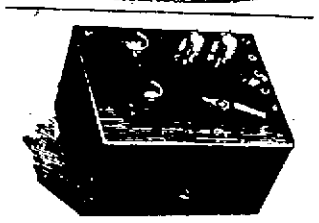

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JURY OUT ALL NIGHT ON CASE

Had Been Unanimous for Finding Both Defendants Guilty From First Ballot

Wide Difference as to Punishment to Be Inflicted Upon Mrs. Sweetin

Hight Given Life Sentence—Woman 35-Years in the Penitentiary

MOUNT VERNON, Ills., Dec. 24.—The jury trying Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, early today returned a verdict of "guilty." Hight was given life imprisonment, while Mrs. Sweetin was given thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

After deliberating all night, the jury reported at 8.30 o'clock this morn-

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YESTERDAY WAS BIG DAY AT THE POSTOFFICE

—Yesterday was the biggest day the Lowell postoffice ever experienced. During it, 115,000 letters were put through cancellation machines, an unprecedented number and far in excess of past records.

During the past three days, today

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DANAS' CANDY FOR XMAS

We have the best variety of Fancy Boxes and Baskets from 50¢ to $12.00.

Special—1 lb. Box of Homemade Chocolates and Bon Bons for 55¢.

Highly Flavored Ribbon Candy, 25¢ lb., 2 lb. box 50¢.

Also all sizes of candy canes from 5c to $1.00.

15 DIFFERENT KINDS OF XMAS HARD CANDIES

Special Ice Cream Sale, 25c Pint; 50c Quart

JAMES DANAS

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Also 478 Merrimack St.

Notice

BANK OPEN Wednesday Evening 7 to 9

OLD LOWELL NATIONAL BANK

Prescott Street

PLANE CRASHED TO GROUND AND BURST INTO FLAMES—8 KILLED

Christmas-tide Tragedy Near London—Passengers on Way to Paris for Holiday Hurled to Death When Big Express Plane Banked and Fell

CROYDON, Eng., Dec. 24 (By the Associated Press)—A Christmastide tragedy occurred this morning at the airdrome here when the seven passengers and the pilot of the big Imperial Airway's express DH-34 were killed when the airplane banked and crashed to the ground soon after it had taken off.

The passengers, who were on their way to Paris for Christmas, were hardly aware they were well in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Purley Down in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed.

There were two women among the passengers, five men passengers including Dr. Borbosa Lima, a Brazilian, and Cedric Trudgett, representative of the Chilean Review, and the pilot.

An eye-witness of the tragedy who said he was watching the plane, no-

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LOCAL WOMEN ARRESTED

Automobile Accident Leads to Arrest of Two Alleged Shoplifters

Women Arraigned and Fined in Lawrence District Court This Morning

A peculiar automobile accident in Essex street, Lawrence, early last evening led to the arrest of Mrs. Georgianna Grennon, 34 years old, and Mrs. Jennie Sweet, 30 years old, both claiming Lowell as their place of residence, and their subsequent conviction in Lawrence district court this morning on a charge of larceny in connection with the theft of a bathrobe from the J. F. Magrath department store. They

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HARD GOING BETWEEN HERE AND BOSTON

Drivers of the Lowell to Boston busses on the Eastern Massachusetts line reported this noon that travel between here and the Hub today is the worst they ever have experienced. A trip that normally requires one hour and a quarter cannot be made in less than two hours and a half.

Ice-covered highways present dangerous conditions and it is said that this forenoon the Boston route traversed by the bus was strewn with automobiles damaged in collisions with stone walls, fences and poles after skids.

ONE-THIRD OF FORCE INDICTED

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 24.—Almost one-third of the personnel of the Weehawken police force is under indictment today in connection with the operations of the alleged bootlegging ring in that city, as the result of the indictment yesterday by the Hudson

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4-ALARM FIRE IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Brooklyn's shopping district was menaced early today by a four-alarm fire which swept through the cellars and ground floor of a four-story building in Fulton street, causing damage estimated at $500,000.

The Frederick Loeser & Co. department store, separated from the burning building only by an alley, was saved from damage. Numerous other stores in the district, the heart of the borough's shopping center, were menaced.

SAY MOODY ST. WOMAN DRANK IODINE

A woman whose name is given as Mrs. Amanda Bellinaey of Moody st., was taken in the ambulance to the Lowell Corporation hospital shortly before midnight last night suffering from poisonin, resulting from drinking iodine. At the hospital this afternoon it is reported that her condition is very much improved and is not considered serious.

The first metal discovered by primitive man was copper.

FROM 6 O'CLOCK ON!

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The Very Best "Birds" in Town

45c lb.

Buy Tonight at

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REDUCTION IN ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

On Jan. 1, 1925, there will go into effect a reduction in electric light rates in the city amounting to one-half a cent per kilowatt hour.

The reduction as announced today by the Lowell Electric Light Corp. is in every way a voluntary act and comes in the nature of a most acceptable New Year's gift to approximately 17,000 householders.

The reduction applies only to home consumption of electricity and has no bearing upon "juice" used for power or in mercantile establishments. These sales are subject to an entirely different set of rates, not affected.

At present the rate is 10 cents gross per kilowatt hour, with half a cent discount if bills are paid within a specified time. The new rate is to be 9 cents an hour net, thus eliminating the troublesome discount, which has appeared on all electric light bills since the corporation was founded. The elimination of the discount by the Lowell company is a modern move and something that very few electric light companies in the country have done.

Meter men will begin to take readings under the new rate on the first day of January and consumers whose meters are read on that date or on other early dates in the month will get bills for electricity used in December at the new rate. Persons whose meters are not read until late in the month will be obliged to pay for their December consumption at the old rate, but this difference is impossible to escape because of the fact that the company has 17,000 meters to read monthly and it requires a force of men to work every day in the month to complete the job.

The announcement of the reduction is made by John A. Hunnewell, manager. It also comes to mind that it was just about one year ago that the last reduction in rates was made, also of half a cent per kilowatt hour.

TESTIMONIAL SENT TO EX-SEC. OF WAR BAKER

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Newton D. Baker, ex-secretary of war, will receive as a Christmas gift tomorrow a morocco-bound volume containing a country-wide compilation of letters and editorials controverting the alleged inaccurate biographical sketch of him published by the Encyclopedia Britannica in its post-bellum volumes, and revised in later edition.

Prominent men who are included among the sponsors of the testimonial sent a telegram to Mr. Baker from New York last night in which they say:

"Despite your indifference to the content of the article and despite the fact that it has already been altered and partially corrected, we ask that you examine these distinguished service citations from your fellow countrymen. It is a token of the esteem of that increasing company of people everywhere who comprehend the fine integrity, the eloquent zeal, the enlightened liberalism and withal, the simple modesty that you have put into the service of your country and your time."

The Britannica's original article stated that Baker's "career generally as secretary was widely condemned throughout the United States as lacking in energy, foresight and ability." The more recent version, while repeating that Baker's pacific leanings and his administration of the war department were criticized, add that: "He was largely responsible for the centralization of industrial affairs; he insisted upon the selective draft; and he prevented any political interference with the conduct of the war."

COUPLE HURLED TO DEATH IN ICY WATERS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A young married couple, driving home in a small automobile laden with Christmas packages, died in each other's arms last night when the steering gear went wrong and the car plunged upside down into the icy waters of Pelham bay.

Policemen tried to rescue the imprisoned couple. But no one was equal to the task of diving into the freezing water. Not until two wrecking crews had come at top speed from City Island was it possible to raise the car far enough to open the door, and by that time the two were long past aid.

The victims were John Frigel, a decorator, 30 years old, and his wife, Mabel, a year his junior.

REALTY CO. GAVE TURKEYS TO EMPLOYES

The Highland Realty association, which has built a great many houses in the Highlands this season, remembered the artisans in its employ in a very generous way yesterday afternoon. At the close of work on Andover street, where the company is building several houses, the men, some 25 in number, were called together and each presented a basket containing a fine big turkey, a variety of fruit and all the necessary fixings. Mr. John R. Sargent, on behalf of the company, presented the baskets and wished the men a merry Christmas. The recipients expressed their appreciation of the gifts and thanked Mr. Sargent and the directors for this mark of goodwill.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND SHOWER

The Christmas tree celebration yesterday afternoon by young women clerks in Memorial hall, also took the form of a shower for Miss Blanche Brunelle of the assessing staff, who is to be married within a few days. A purse of gold was presented her as the gift of her fellow-workers.

The tree celebration was a happy affair, with gifts for everyone. Mrs. Fred Nevery appeared as Santa Claus and later in the afternoon entertained with a group of songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Katherine R. McAleer, who had charge of the party.

COLORED QUILL PEN FOR DESK

Colored quill pens may be obtained at reasonable cost, to act as a colorful ornament on the desk. Put the quill in a small, colored cup, about the size of a wine cup, and fill the cup half way with small buckshot to keep the quill up and the cup stationary.

JEWEL CASES

Jewel cases of fine leather are beautifully lined with velvet and have many trays and receptacles for holding jewels.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

(By the Theatres' Own Press Agents)

MERRIMACK SQ. THEATRE

The Christmas program at the Merrimack Square theatre is one of the most attractive arranged at that popular theatre in many months. The underlined attractions are "Dangerous Money," starring Bebe Daniels in a role both peppy and appealing in a story full of romantic atmosphere, and "Manhattan," featuring Richard Dix in the tale of a rich New Yorker in search of a thrill. The ninth episode of "Into the Net" and the latest International News are also on this excellent bill which will continue through Friday and Saturday.

"Dangerous Money" is sure to please all Bebe Daniels fans. In it Bebe has her first role as a full-fledged star. Tom Moore heads the supporting cast. The story concerns the wistful romance of Adele Clark, a poor little boarding house slavey, and Tim Sullivan, hard working young contractor. When we first see them making love in the shadow of Brooklyn bridge, it looks as if wedding bells will soon ring out. But complications set in. Adele overnight learns that she is an heiress with millions at her command. And then the fun begins.

"Manhattan," the Richard Dix feature, is crammed full of action and romance. It's the sort of a production that "gets" you at the start and never lets go until the final fadeout.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The Christmas week bill at the B. F. Keith theatre is decidedly above par, with plenty of comedy and some seasonal acts which have scored very well. The character comedy, "Realization," with Hugh Herbert in the leading role, is one of the very best acts seen here this year, while the travesty of Jimmy Lucas and Co. is a top notcher. Then there is the laughable rural comedy in which Keane and Williams do a wonderful piece of comedy work. The animal act of Carleton Emmy and his "Merry Wags" is a topnotcher in every respect, while the singing of Gunrino and Cooper is of a high order. The Clinton Sisters are excellent dancers. "The Early Bird" is the Johnny Hines feature picture. The afternoon performance Christmas day will begin at 2.15.

THE STRAND

A ragged kid from San Francisco suddenly finds himself cast upon a South Sea island, the lone survivor of the good ship "Sara Winch." What do you imagine he does? If you would learn then visit the Strand today and see Jackie Coogan in his latest and best picturization, "Little Robinson Crusoe." Jackie is the same clever, exceptionally talented child star, whose screen efforts are to rank with the best in the silent. To realize that a child of such tender years can create and effect the results attained is almost unbelievable. See him in this offering and wonder all the more at his ability. The second feature on the bill shows Hoot Gibson in "The Hurricane Kid." The title of the story indicates rather forcibly just what to expect. It's a real western story with its thrills and tense scenes, plus action galore. Horsemanship is demonstrated in a manner shown only by Hoot himself. For the last three days of the holiday week, starting Thursday, Lionel Barrymore in "I Am the Man," and "The Family Secret" featuring Baby Peggy. A Lloyd Hamilton comedy "Crushed" will be the third attraction.

No other photoplay scheduled to appear locally promises as much as "I Am the Man" which is to be shown during the week-end. The reason is that it stars Lionel Barrymore, who with perfect justice, has been termed America's most distinguished actor. Advance reports on "I Am the Man" indicate that this is the best thing that Mr. Barrymore has done in his long and honorable screen career. Those who are tired of the backneyed themes of the screen should be highly interested in this picture, which is up-to-date in story and action.

Baby Peggy, million dollar baby screen star is shown in "The Family Secret" a story of modern life, with its weaknesses and pitfalls, that sounds a warning to many who allow them to interfere with their happiness and contentment. You'll like the story and you'll all have to love Baby Peggy. The comedy attraction presents Lloyd Hamilton in his newest laughmaker, "Crushed." It's a great holiday bill and one that will give genuine satisfaction to all.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Charley's Aunt," one of the most delightful humorous bills of all time, is the offering of the Stanley James (Inc.) Stock Players at the home of the spoken drama all this week. This makes a great vehicle for Harry Fischer, comedian, who has a role in which he excels even the most stellar of his scintillating past performances. Mr. Gerald Rowan, leading man, and Mr. Jack West, juvenile, have parts which show their talents to good advantage. The same could be said of the four women of the company, Miss Desmonde, Miss Farrell, Miss Lloyd and Miss Aubrey. Wilmer Walter is top-notch as usual, and his work adds much to the play.

"Charley's Aunt" is a great show that is doing a deserved good business. The special Christmas matinee is proving popular and the box office phone at 7640 is kept busy by patrons calling to make seat reservations. There will be a special matinee Friday, on which day photographs of the leading man, Mr. Rowan, and autographed by him, will be given free to every woman attending.

LOEWS RIALTO

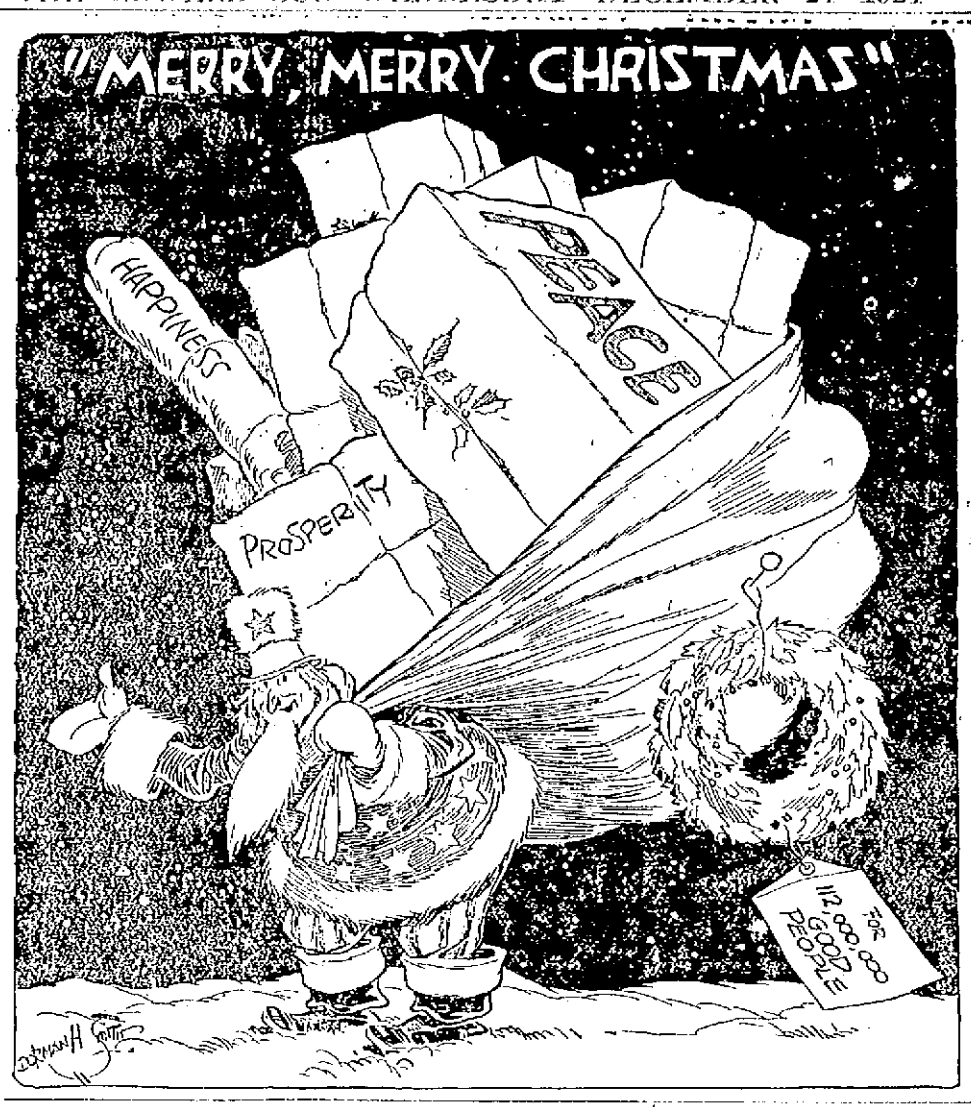
Next time you phone anyone and fly into a rage because you can't get the operator quick enough—just stop and think—and then take a trip to the Rialto and see "Daughters of the Night" and we promise that you will never again say one word against the telephone girl, who without any doubt is one of the most abused persons in the world. Recognition, long awaited by the telephone girl, is contained in this picture which is now in Lowell. It is said to do full justice to the two score years of faithful service to the public on the part of the little telephone operators.

Worthy of the Vail medal, which is given to operators for deeds of heroism, is the braveness displayed by the pretty little girl night operator at the small town of Midvale in "Daughters of the Night," which opens at the Rialto tomorrow and where it will be shown Friday and Saturday. Betty Blair, the night operator in the story, is directing the midnight pursuit of motor bandits by long-distance telephone when fire breaks out in the telephone building. She is all alone in the night office. She dares not leave the switchboard for even a second lest the motoring marauders escape. As the flames make headway rapidly toward the exchange room and the smoke gets thicker and hotter, she continues to take the direction calls from the lineman pursuing the motor bandits on a motorcycle, and then notifies the night operators of the next towns. Just as the message is flashed to her lineman lover that the gang is caught, she falls from the switchboard overcome by smoke.

"Daughters of the Night" is a William Fox special production that you cannot afford to miss. It's chock full of thrills and genuine drama. Don't miss it, and if you have a friend that's a telephone operator, why just let her know about it.

"Ridin' Double" a semi-western story with Leo Maloney in the stellar role is the added feature, while a comedy and news conclude this exceptional holiday bill.

Get your seats now for the Rialto Midnite Revue, the only musical comedy in town on New Year's eve. Lots of fun for everyone.



Menus for a Family

Tested by SISTER MARY

Breakfast—Oranges, cereal, thin cream, creamed dried beef on toast, hashed brown potatoes, bread crumb pancakes, sirup, whole wheat toast, milk, coffee.

Luncheon—Rice and nut roll, brown bread, grape jelly, hearts of celery, Hamburg sponge, sponge drops, milk, tea.

Dinner—Roast lamb, baked potatoes, creamed carrots, date salad, canned apricots, chocolate cake, bran rolls, milk, coffee.

A soft cooked egg on toast should be served to four-year-olds for luncheon in place of the rice and nut roll. Since meat is planned for the junior's dinner, none is needed for their luncheon. However, if it's at all possible, serve the hearty meal at noon-time and the lighter meal in the evening. In many families the man of the house and the older children are not at home at noon and the "real" meal must be served at six.

Rice and Nut Roll

One-half cup rice, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 cup nut meats, fine dried bread crumbs.

Wash rice well through several waters. Cook in boiling salted water until tender and as dry as possible. Part of the goodness of the rice is thrown away in the water in which it was cooked. Let cool and add butter, milk, salt, pepper and nuts. Mix well and shape in a roll. Roll in bread crumbs, pour over 1 tablespoon melted butter and bake in a moderate oven for twenty-five minutes. Serve with or without tomato sauce.

Hamburg Sponge

Two cups milk, 2 eggs, 4 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon granulated gelatin, 4 tablespoons cold water, 1 orange, 1 cup whipping cream, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, few grains salt.

Beat eggs well with milk and sugar and cook in double boiler until thick. Remove from the fire and stir in gelatin softened in cold water and dissolved over hot water. Add juice and grated rind of orange and let stand until cool. When mixture begins to stiffen beat with a dover beater until foamy. Fold in cream whipped until stiff with powdered sugar and a few grains of salt. Chill and serve with the sponge cake cut from the dinner dessert the night before.

Date Salad

Large dates, chopped nuts, cream cheese, cream, salt and pepper, lettuce, mayonnaise, whipped cream.

Wash dates and dip in very thin sirup. Two tablespoons sugar to a cup of boiling water makes the sirup. Put dates on a pan and put in a cool oven until they are nicely "plumped." Remove stones and fill with nuts and cheese worked with cream until moist and smooth. Season the filling with salt and pepper to taste while mixing. Serve the dates on a bed of lettuce with mayonnaise topped with a spoonful of whipped cream made slightly pink with paprika.

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TRUCK CONTAINING 20 LINEMEN OVERTURNED

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—A truck containing 20 linemen, employed by the Stone & Webster company, constructing the new Montaup electric high tension line from South Somerset to Brockton, overturned on the slippery road here this morning. Clifton Choate, George Smith, James Glenn and Hugh Kennedy, all of Pawtucket, R. I., were the only ones injured in the crowd.

McMAHON TO VISIT LOCAL LABOR UNIONS

Local organized textile union members expect that President Thomas F. McMahon of the International Textile Workers of America, will visit Lowell soon. He is expected to open a temporary office in Lawrence within a short time, making that a Massachusetts headquarters for a period of time to be decided upon later.

Nothing official has been received from New York international headquarters as to the time when the president will make his visit to the Merrimack valley, but it was announced at the recent special meeting of the executive board that he would come early in January.

SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

When mothers put children on the front porch to play they often return to find the kiddies down the street, their lives being endangered by passing automobiles. A porch gate which can not be unlocked by the youngsters will keep them on the porch and relieve mother of many of her worries.

SEVERE LOOKING

The more severe looking you can make your coiffure these days, the smarter you look. Straight locks are much preferred to marcelled ones.

BRIDGE MATTER MAY GO OVER TO NEXT YEAR

It is now believed that the Beaver Brook bridge referendum petition will not come before the present city council, but will be before the 1925 body for action. This seeming delay is based upon the election commission's task of checking over the 5000 names attached to the petition which will require several days and it is hardly possible that it will be in shape to present to the council at its meeting on Friday evening of this week. As this meeting will be the last of the current year, the matter automatically will hold over to 1925.

When the petition does go before the council, the makeup of that body will be considerably changed from its present personnel with three new councilors-at-large and one new ward councilor seated.

If the petition is approved by the election commission as carrying a sufficient number of proper signatures, it will be up to the council to do one of two things: To rescind the previous vote authorizing an appropriation for a bridge, or place the matter before the electorate at a special election. There are no other alternatives, according to Plan B charter.

$40,000 LOSS BY FIRE IN FABYAN, CONN. MILL

FABYAN, Conn., Dec. 24.—A fire which started in the boiler room of the Fabyan Woolen mills here this morning burned its way to the roof, destroying some carding machines and doing $40,000 damage. Two hundred employes will be out of work about three weeks.

$35,000 LOSS CAUSED BY WOONSOCKET FIRE

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 24—The Dimond block, a 3½ story wooden structure, was gutted early this morning by a fire which necessitated four alarms and a family, cut off by a burning staircase, was saved with difficulty from a piazza by firemen. The loss is set at $35,000.

The blaze started in the cellar from unknown causes and quickly swept through the building. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenblatt and their two children, asleep on the third floor, were trapped by the blazing stairs and were taken down a ladder in their night clothing from a second floor piazza. They were cared, for at the police station.

SEAPLANE SWAMPED, FOUR MEN KILLED

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Three navy men and a civilian met death here yesterday when a naval ambulance seaplane returning from off the North Carolina coast with a hospital patient was swamped at the Hampton Roads naval air station landing.

The dead are:

E. M. Keyser and A. S. Manwaring, chief petty officers; P. S. Gavin, a hospital apprentice, and Uriah B. Williams, Jr., of Buxton, N. C. Williams was being brought to a Norfolk hospital for treatment for pneumonia.

U. B. Williams, Sr., father of the civilian victim of the wreck, and a retired naval enlisted man; Lt. W. B. Gwin, pilot, and a radio operator and a mechanic escaped. The wreck was attributed to a hole in the bow of the plane, which allowed the water to rush into the forward part when it glided into the water. Two of the navy men were struck by the propellers and killed. The other victims were drowned. The bodies of the four men were recovered.

A motor boat, which was waiting at a pier to assist in landing the sick man and the crew, sped to the scene of the accident and rescued the four men who managed to dive clear of the propellers.

Manwaring and Keyser lived in Norfolk, Gavin's home was in Schenectady, N. Y.

An official inquiry to determine the cause of the accident will be made. Capt. H. C. Cocke, commanding officer of the Hampton Roads naval air station, said it appeared "that there must have been a hole in the bow, because when the plane landed, it did a nose dive, and water rushed in through the bow, swamping it."

Only the forward part of the ship was submerged.

MATRIMONIAL

Turgeon—Trudel

Mr. Jerome Turgeon and Miss Cecile Trudel were united in marriage at a nuptial mass celebrated at 7 o'clock this morning, in Ste. Jeanne d'Arc's church, by Rev. Jean Lamothe, O.M.I., pastor. Mr. Ulric Turgeon and Mr. Alfred Beenne attended the couple. The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe georgette with veil and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. This evening, a reception will be tendered the bridal couple at the home of the bride's parents in Sarah avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon will make their home in Boston.

For XMAS

For XMAS

and make this Christmas the Happiest One of All

ELECTRICAL GIFTS are USEFUL gifts, PRACTICAL gifts, SENSIBLE gifts—yet possessing beauty and attractiveness to an extent found in articles of no other type.

If you wish to give the maximum amount of pleasure with each gift, to have the satisfaction of really knowing that your remembrances are welcomed and appreciated, choose something electrical from our stock, which is the most complete in Lowell.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS ARE:

THOR ELECTRIC WASHERS
SUPERIOR ELECTRIC WASHERS
THOR ELECTRIC IRONERS
ROYAL ELECTRIC CLEANERS
ELECTRIC TOASTERS
ELECTRIC GRILLS
ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS
WAFFLE IRONS
WARMING PADS
CURLING IRONS
CHAFING DISHES
PORTABLE LAMPS, ETC.

Let us help you pick out something appropriate. Christmas deliveries on all orders is assured.

The Lowell Electric Light Corp.

29-31 Market Street

OPEN THIS EVENING UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK

DEATHS

MCCORMACK—Mrs. Alice McCormack, wife of James F. McCormack, a well known resident of the Centralville district and a constant attendant of St. Michael's church for 28 years, passed away this morning at her late home, 136 Jewett street, after a brief illness, aged 65 years. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, James F. McCormack; three sons, Alfred and James McCormack, of this city, and Robert McCormack of New York city; four daughters, Mrs. John Cheswick and Mrs. Albert Bakewell, of this city; Mrs. James Sheehan of Malden and Miss Lillian McCormack of Boston. Mrs. McCormack was a prominent member of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Michael's church. The body will be removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cheswick, rear 135 Jewett street by Undertaker William A. Mack. Funeral notice later.

SURPRENANT—Oscar, infant son of Francis and Blanche (Pelletier) Surprenant died this morning at the home of his parents, 55 Dracut street, aged 6 days. Burial took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Joseph Tremblay.

POOK—Mrs. Lavinia W. Pook died yesterday in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., aged 63 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. F. H. Hayward of Rye, N. Y., and Mrs. Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut; three sisters, Mrs. Catherine L. Gordon of Dover, N. H., Mrs. Annie V. Hayes of Needham and Mrs. Elizabeth P. McAuley of Tacoma, Wash.; one brother, Joseph Adair of Hartland, N. B., and several nieces and nephews and six grandchildren. The body will be brought to the funeral parlors of John A. Weinbeck.

SHEEHAN—Mortimer Sheehan, for many years a well known employe of the United States Bunting Co., died yesterday at his home, 10 St. James street, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nora (Murphy) Sheehan; one son, Timothy Sheehan; a brother, James Sheehan; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Carragher, and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Holy Name society and St. Vincent de Paul society of the Sacred Heart church and Division 1, A.O.H.

MESSER—Died, Dec. 24, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Euphemia E. Messer, aged 59 years, 10 months and 24 days. She is survived by her husband, Norman E. Messer; two children, Everett F. and Elizabeth C. Messer; four sisters, Mrs. Alfred McKinley of So. Bend, Ind., Mrs. James M. Parke of Boston, Mrs. George Swallow and Mrs. William B. Jolley, both of this city; and one brother, William B. Meekrie of Lowell.

MARSOOBIAN—Mrs. Zartar Marsoobian, aged 56 years, formerly of Chicago, but for the past few months residing in this city, died yesterday at the Lowell Corporation hospital. She is survived by her husband, Avak, of Chicago; one daughter, Mary, also of Chicago, and one son, John Michael, of this city. The body was removed to the Funeral home of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons, 14 Highland street.

FORSYTHE—Miss Nina B. Forsythe, a resident of Berkeley, Cal., attending the Lowell Textile school in this city, died yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Hoadley, 40 Chauncey avenue. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker W. Herbert Blake, 16 Market street.

SOUZA—Maria J. Souza, aged 15 months, child of Antonio and Josephine Souza, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 23 Penn avenue. Besides her parents, she is survived by four sisters and three brothers.

FUNERAL NOTICES

POOK—Died in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 23, Mrs. Lavinia W. Pook, aged 63 years. Funeral services will be held at the Funeral chapel, 116 Appleton street, on Saturday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Undertaker John A. Weinbeck Son in charge.

SHEEHAN—Died in this city, Dec 23, at his late home, 10 St. James street, Mortimer Sheehan. Funeral will take place Friday morning from his late home at 9 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock a solemn high funeral mass will be celebrated. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers O'Connell & Fay.

MESSER—Died, Dec. 24, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Euphemia E. Messer, aged 59 years, 10 months and 24 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Swallow, 94 Fletcher street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

MARSOOBIAN—Died in this city, Dec. 23, Mrs. Zartar Marsoobian, at the Lowell Corporation hospital. Funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from 14 Highland street. Burial will take place in the Westlawn cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

SOUZA—Died in this city, Dec. 23, Maria J. Souza. Funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her parents, Antonio and Josephine Souza, 23 Penn avenue. Services will be held at St. Anthony's church at 3 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

FUNERALS

JOHNSON—With solemn and impressive services at St. Peter's church this morning the funeral of Miss Elizabeth Johnson took place. The funeral cortege left the home, 491 Lawrence street at 8.30 o'clock and proceeded to the church where at 9 o'clock a solemn high funeral mass was celebrated by the Rev. William J. Kerwin, O. M. I., cousin of the deceased assisted by the Rev. Francis Shea as deacon and the Rev. John M. Manion as sub-deacon. The choir rendered the Gregorian mass. At the offertory Miss May Rynne rendered the "Pie Jesu" and as the remains were leaving the church Mr. James E. Donnelly rendered the "O Meritum Passionis." The solos were rendered during the mass by Mr. Raymond Kelley and he also presided at the organ. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings and numerous spiritual bouquets from friends and relatives. The casket was borne by the following bearers: Messrs. John B. Kirwin, Joseph T. McCusker, John Brennan, John W. Kirwin, Patrick Cannon of Methuen and John Kiernan of Collinsville. Attending the funeral was Sister Vericonda of the Sisters of St. Mary's, Lockport, N. Y., a niece of the deceased and Sister Anastatia of Lockport, N. Y. The burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, the committal prayers were read at the grave by the Rev. William J. Kirwin, O.M.I. The funeral was largely attended and under the direction of Higgins Bros.

BILSON—The funeral of Charles Bilson took place yesterday afternoon from the Funeral chapel, 116 Appleton street, where services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannis, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal church. A delegation of the employees of the brass department of the Boston & Maine shops, where Mr. Bilson was employed for a long period, included William C. Edwards, William H. Palmer, Letson A. Rolfe and James E. Kennedy. There were numerous floral tributes. The bearers were James M. Cairns, H. L. Logan, Sidney Andrews and R. W. Band. The body was forwarded to Schenectady, N. Y., where burial will take place in Vail cemetery. The arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck Son.

BRIERLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Cynthia C. Brierley took place last evening from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brook Southam, 57 Gates street, and was largely attended by friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. William B. Tuthill, D.D., pastor of the Eliot Union Congregational church. There were many beautiful tributes. The body was taken this morning to Sanford, Me., where services were held today and burial took place. The funeral arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

CROSS—The funeral of Charles F. Cross took place from his home, 277 Summer street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry Quimby, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The floral tributes were numerous. The bearers were Frank W. Brown, Harold E. Dunn, Theodore T. Tellier and James F. Grady. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. Arrangements were in the charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

FRATUS—The funeral of Joseph Fratus, aged 1 year and 7 months, child of John and Laura Fratus, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 6 rear of 94 Tilden street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Joseph T. Grillo, officiating. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

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FILE SUIT FOR $100,000

CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 24.—Suit for $100,000 damages for the publication of alleged defamatory references to Miss Louise Lawson, former Alvardo, Tex., girl, who was found slain in her New York apartment last winter, has been filed in district court here against the Southern Publishing Company of Waco, publishers of the Waco News-Tribune. The suit was filed by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lawson, parents of the girl.

Actual damages of $50,000 and exemplary damages of $50,000 are sought.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL HURT

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—Superintendent of Schools John F. Scully of Brockton, one of the best known educators in the state, was badly cut up and bruised last night when his machine left the road and crashed into a telephone pole. Superintendent Scully, president of the Bridgewater Normal School Alumni association, was returning from Bridgewater, following a meeting conducted to aid the school that was practically burned out several days ago.

MISS EDITH POUZZNER DIES IN COLORADO

Word has been received in Lowell of the death on Sunday last, in Denver, Col., after a lingering illness, of Miss Edith Pouzzner, formerly of New Britain, Conn., and a sister of Benjamin F. Pouzzner, publisher of the Sunday Telegram.

Deceased was well and favorably known in this city as a result of frequent visits, and her death will be sincerely mourned by her many devoted Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pouzzner left this morning for New Britain, where the funeral services are to be held.

HOPE CHEST DRAWING

The drawing of the hope chest for which tickets were sold during the past weeks by the St. Peter's Girls' club was held last evening in St. Peter's school hall. William Russell of 13 Hudson street was the winner of the hope chest; $5 worth of groceries was won by Mrs. Gertrude Smith, of 140 Chapel street; centerpiece, Winifred Riley, 162 Branch street; centerpiece, Miss Elizabeth Baughn, Leverett street; centerpiece, Mrs. Slattery, Dudley court. The drawing was held under the direction of Rev. Francis L. Shea.

POLICE GUARD JACKSON AFTER SECOND ATTEMPT TO END LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—While Attorney-General Benton and examiners of the state department of insurance are investigating the books of the Eastern Mutual Insurance company of whose funds he is said to have invested $48,000 in oil stocks, Caleb S. Jackson, former treasurer of the company, today was under restraint at the city hospital after two attempts at suicide.

No charges have been placed against him and he is not under arrest. However, police officers guarded him while he was being transferred last evening from the hospital to which he was taken after police yesterday morning found him with his arms gashed with a razor in the gas-filled kitchenette of his home. When at a hospital he tore off his bandage and was ordered to the city hospital where he was placed in the ward guarded by male orderlies.

Jackson yesterday in an interview confessed to having invested the company's and his own money in the oil

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SANTA DUE TOMORROW AT AYER HOME

Santa Claus will return to Lowell by special request tomorrow morning to pay an hour's call at Ayer home on Pawtucket street, before departing on the last leg of his return journey to the mystic Far North realms where all the gifts come from every Christmas eve.

Kris Kringle's bag of Yuletide largesse beneficent will not be entirely emptied before he arrives at the children's home presided over by Mrs. Walter M. P. Tarr. Eighty-four boys and girls residing in the comfortable quarters on Pawtucket street will be the first to greet Santa when he stops with his tired reindeer and the sleigh containing the four last pouches of undelivered Christmas offerings. A host of visiting children from many Lowell homes, will also be there to make the ancient mansion house ring with tidings of joy unrestrained.

The Ayer home observance of Christmas day starts at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Visitors will arrive before that hour, and many gifts are usually brought along for distribution from the big decorated Christmas tree already installed in the sunny playroom.

The entertainment program will include cantatas, singing of solos and duets, dialogues and a playlet entitled "December." A feature of the concert will be the return of a former resident of the Ayer Home—Lester Monette—who is now a violin player. He romped with other young people in the Pawtucket street institution for ten years, and it is just like home now, when he returns each Christmas day from afar. Monette has agreed to play several selections for the present inmates of the home. He was graduated three years ago.

Fifteen boys and girls will appear in the playlet, and there will be special music and singing numbers.

Santa Claus is expected to arrive before noon, then will come the grand distribution of gifts from the big tree. Oranges and candy will be included in Santa's bountiful giving, and there will also be many other gifts, contributed by sympathetic and always generous Lowell citizens, men and women. Several leading business men have arranged for the refreshments.

All of the dormitories are being decorated with Yuletide greenery and red and green crepe in profusion, this morning. Many Christmas bells of red are also being hung in windows and hallways.

At noon tomorrow, comes the annual Christmas dinner, and this one promises to be a record-breaker. There will be fresh-killed turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, turnips, onions, rolls, ice cream and cake.

The afternoon hours will be spent in happy rambling through the great high-ceilinged rooms and halls of the old Ayer mansion residence, and then comes another festive affair for the children's entertainment, calling for a short merry march to Pawtucket Congregational church. At this haven of Yuletide celebration, warm-hearted women folks have arranged to distribute more gifts and refreshments to the young folks who reside in Ayer home.

Bad Day for Shopping

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rain, snow or no snow, tonight will see the usual Christmas eve crowd in the stores and buying will continue right up to closing time.

Without exception, big downtown store managers report a Christmas business during the past six or seven days of flattering proportions and when sales reports are checked up it is believed this season's trade record will be satisfactory and normal in comparison with recent years. Last Saturday and Monday were record shopping days and more than one merchant found Saturday's receipts considerable in excess of his best day in 1923. Monday's trading also was brisk and steady, while yesterday brought a falling-off and this morning it was nil.

The usually dependable articles, such as handkerchiefs, neckties, belts and scarfs and mufflers sold rapidly and the sales of toys have bulked greater this year than ever before. Silk hosiery has been in demand and women's wear also has come in for considerable attention. Radio sets and accessories now are firmly established in the marts of trade and many dealers report it has been impossible to keep abreast of their radio orders. The Christmas greeting card business grows by leaps and bounds every year and this season was no exception.

Lowell Woman Arrested

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were fined $10 each, plus a comment by the presiding justice that in the future they confine their activities to their home town. The Sweet woman had pleaded guilty, and the Grennon woman, not guilty to the complaint.

According to the story as learned by the Lawrence police last night, the arrested parties were two of a quartet of women alleged to have been engaged in shoplifting in department stores during the Christmas holiday rush. Last night, the story goes, Mrs. Sweet lifted a bathrobe in the Magrath establishment and passed it over to her companion, who placed it in a large bag.

Suspecting that she had been detected in the act, Mrs. Sweet left the store hurriedly and, once outside, began to run across Essex street. In her haste, she failed to notice an approaching automobile owned and operated by Dr. Francis F. Cregg of Lawrence, and as a result she was knocked down and slightly injured. The doctor placed her in his car and removed her to a hospital for treatment of a sprained right thumb and minor bruises about the head. In the meantime, she was visited by her companion, Mrs. Grennon, and both were preparing to leave the institution when they were apprehended by Police Inspectors Heffernan and Dwyer, who had received word from the department store that the woman knocked down by the automobile answered the description of the one suspected of purloining the bathrobe.

At first both women denied that they were guilty of the offense, but at the police station, Mrs. Sweet broke down and admitted the whole affair, implicating Mrs. Grennon as her accomplice.

Yesterday Was Big Day At the Postoffice

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inclusive. Lowell postal authorities have handled the biggest business in the history of the city. The office is not swamped, but is continuously on the jump to keep ahead of the tremendous demands being made upon it.

Postmaster Xavier Delisle said today his men will "clean up" in good shape and that all mail received and picked up this evening will be delivered tomorrow. Only one delivery will be made tomorrow, in the forenoon, but it will be a complete one and will be made early because of orders from Washington which specifically state that all carriers shall be back at their stations at 11 a. m., so that the balance of the day may be a holiday in reality.

Cancellation machines have been running 24 hours a day since last Sunday. On Monday, the main office and branch offices faced a herculean task, with hundreds and hundreds of packages piling in on top of myriads of letters and cards. Postmaster Delisle said that without the branch stations the central office could not have even attempted to handle the mail.

Today's bad weather slowed up deliveries somewhat and the postal authorities are praying that freezing weather does not come in the wake of rain, for this condition would be extremely difficult to overcome.

One-Third of Force Indicted

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county grand jury of Capt. Dillon and Lieut. Edward John Kirk on charges of malfeasance. Of the 14 persons thus far indicted, 11 are members of the Weehawken police department. The finding of true bills against these police officers, in connection with the raiding of 17 alleged saloons in Jersey City and Newark by federal agents from New York city and the charge made by Samuel Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New Jersey, to the Jersey city commissioners that there are "a few hundred saloons open here," furnished the high lights of the prohibition enforcement situation yesterday.

Capt. Dillon and Lieut. Kirk were charged with responsibility for the alleged disappearance of a truck load of liquor from in front of the Weehawken police station on the night of Nov. 20. The truck was captured by Alfred E. Ransom, a federal prohibition agent, who is said to have testified that the liquor thereon was removed while he was telephoning in the station house.

SAVED POLISH BOY FROM DROWNING

How a young Polish lad was saved from death by drowning in the Concord river near the Church street bridge Monday afternoon is told by friends of Cornelius Murphy and Henry McGee, plumbers in the employ of J. J. Spillane & Co., who risked their own lives in a successful effort to save that of the youngster.

The lad, playing on thin river ice in the rear of Fayette street, ventured too far out and fell into the water as the thin coating of ice gave way. Murphy and McGee heard his cries for help and rushed to the river. One crawled out and placed a long pole under the boy's shoulders, while the other grasped an arm and together they pulled him to stronger ice and safety. After a thorough drying-out the lad showed no ill effects.

POLICE BRING MAN BACK FROM MAINE

After a 200-mile trip to Waterville, Me., Sergeant Philip Dwyer returned to this city this morning with Edward Leo Markee, who was arrested yesterday in the Maine city for the Lowell police on a warrant charging him with non-support of his wife.

Markee was arraigned on the charge before Judge Fisher in district court this morning and pleaded not guilty. His case was continued without finding for two months with the understanding that he pay $7 a week to his wife. He was released upon agreement to comply with this order.

A second defendant in a non-support case today, William Brennan, failed to put in an appearance and was defaulted.

The Bridge Referendum

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sult of action taken by the election commissioners yesterday in permitting several signers of the petition to withdraw their names by making a sworn statement to the effect that they so desired their names withdrawn.

The two attorneys made their appearance before the commissioners shortly after the office opened at 9 o'clock, and after entering protest against the withdrawal of signatures, asked permission to sit with the board during its certification of signatures on petition.

Their request created considerable discussion among the commissioners and it was finally decided to hold a special meeting, following the meeting, which was private, the attorneys were told they could not sit with the commissioners during the certification, but the commissioners stated they would allow them to go over the lists of names after certification and would withhold issuing a certificate of sufficiency or insufficiency, as the case may be, until such time as the petitioners' representatives have had an opportunity to go over the lists.

With this matter settled, the commissioners again went into private session and began the work of certifying the six thousand or more names which were signed to the referendum petition.

Under the charter, the election commissioners must return a certificate of sufficiency, or insufficiency to a petition within five days after it is delivered to them by the city clerk. The petition was filed with the commission Monday afternoon, and five days from then, not counting Christmas and Sunday, would make the certification necessary by Monday afternoon at the latest.

In the past, it has been found that not more than 25 per cent of the names signed to a petition were thrown out by the certification process, and if the same is true in this case, the petition will have the necessary number of signatures, slightly more than 4300.

The referendum petition calls for immediate action by the city council to rescind its vote in favor of the $125,000 appropriation, and this is taken by many to believe that a special meeting of the council will have to be called as soon as the certification is completed.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS ABROAD IN LOWELL

Christmas on the morrow, with its wide-spreading of good cheer, holiday merry-making and distribution of seasonable offerings to friends and loved ones in commemoration of the happiest event in the world's history, promises to be celebrated in Lowell and the surrounding towns with more elaborate programs than ever, signalling the growing Yuletide spirit evident at the close of each passing year.

Traffic upon all cars entering the heart of Lowell's merchandising district this afternoon was heavier than ever despite the balmy mildness of the weather. The last day's efforts on the part of tardy buyers of Yuletide gifts showed the presence of a good-sized throng in the down-town streets and stores.

Tonight, the first of the annual Christmas celebration programs are scheduled. Many country towns are to hold community tree exercises for the first time. Lowell's handsome tree in front of Memorial Auditorium, will be brilliantly lighted and the program to be given under municipal direction, is one that has never been surpassed. St. Anne's church, First Congregational and Swedish Congregational choirs are to join in the chorus at the Auditorium plaza celebration.

Church choirs in many instances are to move through residential sections, singing carols, the journeys to be made in some instances after the children's exercises close in the vestries of the religious edifices.

At midnight, solemn high masses will be celebrated in most of the Catholic churches of the city, except at St. Michael's and St. Patrick's churches, where the masses will be low. At St. Anne's church there will be a service of holy communion at 11 p. m., with St. Cecilia's choir.

All local restaurants and hotels have arranged for Christmas eve celebrations, featuring special banquet menus and providing Yuletide decorations and in some cases mementoes. Numerous social organizations will conduct dances, every Lowell hall having been engaged for individual festivities. Fraternal lodges will also observe Christmas eve, with trees, special music and in some cases dancing until the midnight hour.

Jury Out All Night on Case

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ing that it had reached an agreement. Reports said that the jury had been in disagreement over the degree of guilt.

The jurors stated after the verdict that the jury had been unanimous for finding both defendants guilty from the first ballot, but that there had been wide difference as to the punishment to be inflicted upon Mrs. Sweetin.

The decision as to her, the jurors said, represented a compromise.

Only two of the jurors had favored infliction of the death penalty upon Hight. None voted for the hanging of Mrs. Sweetin.

The defendants received the verdict in silence and with no outward display of emotion.

Defense attorneys gave notice that they would ask for a new trial.

The case went to the jury shortly after 10 o'clock last night after seven hours of argument during which the state demanded the death penalty for both defendants.

Judge J. C. Kern instructed the jury on six possible verdicts:

Guilty of murder, with death as the punishment; guilty of murder, with life imprisonment; guilty of murder, with not less than 14 years' imprisonment; guilty of manslaughter; not guilty, and not guilty by reason of insanity.

Hight and Mrs. Sweetin retained their composure under a bitter arraignment in the final argument of Frank G. Thompson, prosecutor.

"They stand there two murderers equally guilty under the law," Thompson said to the jury. "Under your oaths do your duty."

Hight and Mrs. Sweetin are under indictment also for the poisoning of Mrs. Hight.

RECORD VOTE FOR COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—President Coolidge received 15,718,789 of the 28,939,070 votes cast for the three leading presidential candidates in the November election. His two principal opponents, John W. Davis and Robert M. LaFollette, received respectively 8,378,962 and 4,822,319 votes.

These official returns, complete from all sections of the country, give Mr. Coolidge the largest plurality ever recorded for a candidate—7,339,827, or 334,980 more than Warren G. Harding's plurality in 1920. The Harding count of 16,152,200, however, was greater by 433,111 than his successor's because the total four years ago was shared in the main by only one other leading candidate, James M. Cox.

M'COY IN CELL, JURY EXCUSED FOR HOLIDAY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—"Kid" McCoy sat in his cell in the county jail today while the jury which will determine his fate on a charge of killing Mrs. Theresa Mors was liberated until after Christmas.

Arguments in the former pugilist's trial were completed in superior court late yesterday with the prosecution demanding a verdict of first degree murder.

In his closing argument District Attorney Ostrom declared it was not pleasant, on the threshold of Christmas, to be demanding the death penalty for any man, but "if we have not law enforcement, what is to become of us?"

Plane Crahsed to Ground and Burst Into Flames

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bled it was flying low, that it suddenly banked, cleared a nearby house and then staggered in the air. Almost immediately a gust of wind caught the plane, its tail shot up, it went into a nose dive and fell like a stone. Immediately the machine touched the ground it burst into flames.

"I ran to the spot," said the eyewitness, "but by the time I got there the whole machine had burned away. The only things I could see unconsumed were the two wheels of the under carriage. In the wreckage I could see the charred remains of bodies—that of the pilot in front. All the passengers must have died instantaneously."

Fire brigades from Purley and Croydon hurried to the spot but were unable to arrive in time to be of any assistance. Even when they reached the machine the firemen could not approach because of the fiercely burning debris. The crowds of people which rail to the scene shortly after the accident also were helpless to aid the imprisoned passengers. They could only watch the flames.

The only thing left to do when the fierce blaze subsided was to take out the charred bodies. These were removed to the police mortuary.

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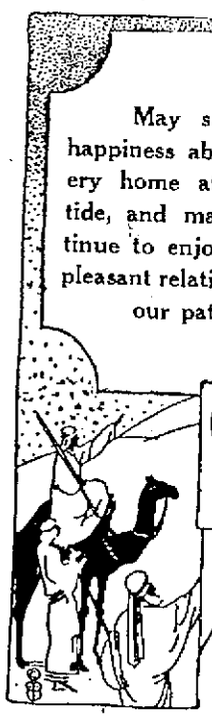

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21,000 Subscribers at Beginning of Year—Christmas Finds 500,000 Registered

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The growth of radio in Germany is strikingly illustrated by figures given out by the postoffice department, which is in control of the broadcasting field. Whereas at the beginning of the year only 21,000 radio subscribers were listed with the department, Christmas finds 500,000 subscribers.

Dr. Hans Bredow, the secretary in charge of the service, estimates that the number of new subscribers per month will average about 100,000 for some time to come.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

6 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7 p. m.—Market reports.
7.05 p. m.—Christmas story for the children by Thornton W. Burgess; a few minutes with Santa Claus.
7.30 p. m.—Orpheus Club ensemble; Philharmonic trio.
8.30 p. m.—Christmas carols by E. R. Sircom, organist, and the choir of the First Unitarian society of Newton.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather reports.
11 p. m.—Hotel Brunswick orchestra.
11.45 p. m.—Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

WAHG, RICHMOND HILL

6 p. m.—Current Events, H. V. Kaltenborn.
8.30 p. m.—Prize limerick contest.
8.10 p. m.—Marjorie Swen, soprano.
8.55 p. m.—Prize music memory contest.
9.05 p. m.—Dick's Ukulele club.
9.40 p. m.—Arthur Richter, piano.
9.50 p. m.—Kay Macrae, soprano.
10.10 p. m.—Fannie Kamenkourts, piano.
10.20 p. m.—Kay Macrae, soprano.
10.40 p. m.—Madeleine Southworth, contralto.
10.55 p. m.—Hebert Hurowitz, piano; Phil Olisteln, violin.
11.10 p. m.—Maude Applegit, soprano.
11.35 p. m.—Chorus.

WOR, NEWARK

6.20 p. m.—Robert Treat orchestra.
6.55 p. m.—Sports resume.
8 p. m.—Ingraham's orchestra.
8.30 p. m.—Talk, "Topics of the Day."
8.45 p. m.—Grace Church choir.
9.15 p. m.—A Christmas Message, the Rev. J. S. Carlile.
9.30 p. m.—Caruso's Concert ensemble.
10.15 p. m.—Grace Church choir.
10.45 p. m.—Concert.
11.15 p. m.—Perry and Russell, songs.
11.46 p. m.—Lupino Lane, songs and monologues.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA

5.40 p. m.—Police reports.
5.45 p. m.—Grand organ; trumpets.
6 p. m.—Civic chorus; Civic band.
7.30 p. m.—Sport results; police reports; Adelphia orchestra.
8.15 p. m.—Christmas dinner of the Provost, J. H. Penneman, direct from Houston hall; address by Provost Penneman; male quartet.
9.15 p. m.—Orchestra; L. J. Howell, baritone; Margaret Eberbach, soprano.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather.
10.03 p. m.—Christmas address, E. J. Cattell.
10.20 p. m.—Nobis Nobis Club Christmas program.

WDAR, PHILADELPHIA

8 p. m.—Current Events, by Dr. C. E. Raiguel.
8.15 p. m.—Conversation Corner; travel talk; artist recital; Green Hill Farms orchestra.
10 p. m.—Arcadia orchestra.

WGY, SCHENECTADY

5.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
6 p. m.—Market quotations; news.
6.30 p. m.—Santa Claus; music.
11.30 p. m.—Stephen Boisclair, organist; Rose Mountain, contralto; Marion Brewer, soprano.

WEEI, BOSTON

6.30 p. m.—Sinfonians orchestra.
7 p. m.—Big Brother club meeting.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
7.45 p. m.—Glee club concert.
8.15 p. m.—Methodist church choir.
8.30 p. m.—Baptist church choir.
11 p. m.—Organ recital.
11.30 p. m.—Lyric quartet.

WNAC, BOSTON

6 p. m.—Children's half-hour.
6.30 p. m.—Checker Inn orchestra.
7.30 p. m.—St. Paul cathedral music.
8 p. m.—Carol music.
10 p. m.—Boston common Christmas eve celebration.

7.30 p. m.—To be announced.
8.30 p. m.—Christmas carol, read by Elizabeth Field.
8.45 p. m.—Bob Lawrence Christmas program.
10.30 p. m.—Chimes concert.
11 p. m.—Cantata, The Christ Child.
12 p. m.—Sacred Heart church midnight mass.

WGR, BUFFALO

6.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
7.30 p. m.—News.
8 p. m.—Prehistoric Monsters of western New York, W. L. Bryant.
9 p. m.—Music.
11 p. m.—Supper music.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH

6.15 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus.
8 p. m.—Christmas carol, read by Prof. W. M. Parrish.
8.30 p. m.—Trio.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather forecast.
11 p. m.—Methodist church program.
12 p. m.—Chimes concert.

WWJ, DETROIT

7 p. m.—The Detroit News orchestra; C. Contes, baritone.
10 p. m.—Goldkette's orchestra.
11 p. m.—Christmas carol service from St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral.

WLW, CINCINNATI

9 p. m.—Orchestra; songs.
10 p. m.—Formica band.
1 a. m.—Sacred Heart church midnight mass.

KYW, CHICAGO

9 p. m.—Music; talks; theatrical review.
10.45 p. m.—Midnight revue; news every half hour.

WEBH, CHICAGO

8 p. m.—Orchestra; vocal and instrumental solos.
10 p. m.—Orchestra; readings; vocal and instrumental solos.
10 p. m.—Music.

WGN, CHICAGO

7.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
9 p. m.—Vocal and instrumental solos.
11 p. m.—Chapman's orchestra; songs.

WMAQ, CHICAGO

9 p. m.—Christmas carols from Northwestern university.
9.30 p. m.—W. P. E. Gurley, reader.
10 p. m.—Playlet, The Christmas Carol.

MORE INVENTIONS THAN HE CAN HANDLE

(By NEA Service)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Applications for radio patents have so swamped the patent office that a new department has had to be created especially for this work.

At the head of this division of the patent office is C. D. Backus, who for the last 14 years has been examining inventions in the electrical energy division. His department is known as the "radiant energy division."

In the few years that radio has

C. D. BACKUS

become popular, Backus says he has already turned down 10,000 applications for radio patents as "unpatentable." In the same time more than 2500 patents have been issued for radio inventions, and some 2000 are awaiting examination.

Leading Subjects

Applications are continuing to come in at the rate of about 20 a week! "By the trend of the designs submitted," says Backus, "inventors are interested most in the elimination of static in reception, substitution of short for long waves and in television."

Improvements to present radio equipment occupy most of the applications submitted. And these are based mostly on one or the other of the designs Backus says are so popular.

Unlimited Variety

Yet no change in radio seems too small or too important for the radio examiners. Improvements submitted range from the tiny crystal receiver to a method of worldwide secret transmission.

Inventors from all countries apply for patents here although most applications come from Americans. Duplication of ideas comes often, and even are submitted almost at the same time.

The result is that court of "interference," similar to the civil court of equity, has to be maintained to "try" such cases between inventors.

SHORT CUTS

Things to Know in Building and Operating a Receiver

Make your own flexible socket base by mounting it on a piece of wood two inches square and putting two screw eyes on each of two opposite sides of the block of wood. Through each pair of screw eyes run a rubber band which previously has been fastened an inch off the baseboard with screws and drawn fairly taut. This forms a cradle for the socket.

Mount an auto dash lamp on the panel of your set if the family quarrels with you for causing the electric light bills to soar. This dash lamp can be run economically on the A-battery.

To relieve yourself of trouble with corrosion at the A-battery clips, solder or clamp a piece of solder wire about six inches long to the battery terminal and connect these to the copper leads.

A cloth bag containing lime will prevent dampness in coils of a radio set if it is placed inside the cabinet.

Put an old dry cell in the coil of your crystal set and see if signal strength is not improved.

GOING

Sparks are on the wane, says George S. Davis, above, radio slipping authority. But their abolition will cost millions to shippers.

METAL SPOILS LOOP

Directional loops are hampered in reception by metal structures or parts of buildings. The magnetic properties of nearby metal cause a "shadow" to fall across the loop and diminish its receiving qualities.

RADIO BROADCASTS

CHRISTMAS DAY

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

6.30 p. m.—Hotel Lenox ensemble.
7.05 p. m.—Bedtime story.
7.15 p. m.—Letter from the New England Homestead, At the theatres, A. L. S. Wood.
7.45 p. m.—St. James orchestra.
8.15 p. m.—Lina Jeffcott, soprano.
8.30 p. m.—Concert.
8.45 p. m.—St. John's Congregational church senior choir.
9 p. m.—Concert.
9.15 p. m.—St. John's Congregational church senior choir.

WGY, SCHENECTADY

5.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
7.15 p. m.—Books, W. F. Jacob.
8 p. m.—Cantata, The Hope of the World.

WEEI, BOSTON

6 p. m.—Mansion Inn orchestra.
7 p. m.—Big Brother club meeting.
7.30-8.30 p. m.—Musicale.
9 p. m.—Concert.
10.30 p. m.—Sinfonians orchestra.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH

6.15 p. m.—Dinner concert.
7.30 p. m.—Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus talk it over.
7.45 p. m.—Christmas music.
8.30 p. m.—Orchestra.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather forecast.

WSAI, CINCINNATI

11 p. m.—Howard Hufford, tenor; Grammy Ballinger, soprano; string quartet.

WLW, CINCINNATI

11 p. m.—Civil service message.
11.03 p. m.—Orchestra; zither quartet; instrumental trio; vocal solos.

WHAS, LOUISVILLE

8.30 p. m.—Rapp's orchestra; Wright and Bessinger, songs; Sunday school lesson; welfare talk; news; time announced at 10 o'clock.

WEBH, CHICAGO

8 p. m.—Orchestra; songs.
10 p. m.—Orchestra; songs; golf lesson.
12 p. m.—Orchestra; revue; vocal and instrumental solos.

KYW, CHICAGO

9.20-10.20 p. m.—C. J. Pernin, reader.
11 p. m.-12.30 a. m.—Studio program; Coon-Sanders orchestra; news every half hour.

WNYC, NEW YORK

5 p. m.—Brooklyn Strand theatre Christmas program.

WJZ, NEW YORK

4.30 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
7 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
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service direct from Metropolitan Tower; Os-Ke-Non-Ton, tenor; from foot of tree, Gloria Trumpeters and talk, History of the Tree.
9 p. m.—Clara Novello Davies' Artist Choir of twenty voices.
9.45 p. m.—Bellecliaire trio.
10.30 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria dance orchestra.

WGBS, NEW YORK

6.30 p. m.—Society orchestra.
8 p. m.—Current topics.
8.30 p. m.—European Plays, O. M. Sayler.
9 p. m.—Reading of O. Henry's Gift of the Magi, Randolph Sommerville.
9.30 p. m.—Christmas carol.
10 p. m.—William Stewart, Christmas verses.
10.20 p. m.—H. E. Noble, tenor.
11 p. m.—Piccadilly theatre music.

WHN, NEW YORK

5.30 p. m.—Alamac orchestra.
7.10 p. m.—Employment broadcasting.
10.25 p. m.—Talk, What Becomes of Old Watches?
10.30 p. m.—Club Madrid orchestra; songs.
11 p. m.—Smith's orchestra.
12 p. m.—Symphonic Clowns orchestra.
12.30 p. m.—Gold's orchestra.

WOR, NEWARK

4 p. m.—Cantata, The Messiah.
6.15 p. m.—Radio for the Layman, A. E. Sonn.
6.30 p. m.—Society orchestra.
7.15 p. m.—Sports resume.

WEAF, NEW YORK

7.05 p. m.—New York Federation of Churches Christmas service.
7.30 p. m.—A Christmas Carol, read by Charles Mills; Grace McDermott, violin; Mayr Burgum, piano; William Wessel, chimes.
8.15 p. m.—St. James' Episcopal church boys' choir.
9.00 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria orchestra.
9.45 p. m.—Choir of St. Bartholomew's church, Bethlehem.
10.10 p. m.—Aida brass quartet.
10.25 p. m.—Choir of St. Bartholomew's church, Bethlehem.
10.45 p. m.—Yap's Hawaiian Ensemble.
11.00 p. m.—Aida Brass Quartet.
11.15 p. m.—Yap's Hawaiian Ensemble.

WNYC, NEW YORK

7.30 p. m.—Police alarms.
8.00 p. m.—Hunter College concert.
9.30 p. m.—Rialto Theatre Christmas program.
10.30 p. m.—Police alarms; weather forecasts.

WJZ, NEW YORK

4.00 p. m.—Edmont Hains, cornet.
4.30 p. m.—Hotel Belmont tea music.
5.30 p. m.—Farm reports; closing quotations of the New York stock exchange; foreign exchange quotations; news.
7.00 p. m.—Santa Claus.
7.05 p. m.—Hotel Commodore orchestra.
8.00 p. m.—Financial review.
8.10 p. m.—Sociology, Professor E. G. Payne.
8.30 p. m.—Play, Goin' Home for Christmas.
9.45 p. m.—Captain Longbottom, swinging harp.
10.00 p. m.—To be announced.
10.30 p. m.—Greenwich Village Inn orchestra.
11.30 p. m.—Rose Mountain, contralto; Maion Brewer, soprano; Stephen Boisclair, organist, from WGY, Schenectady.

WGBS, NEW YORK

6.00 p. m.—Uncle Geebee.
6.30 p. m.—Clarence Williams, Eva Taylor and Clarence Todd, entertainers.
7.00 p. m.—Ed Squire's One Man Show.

WHN, NEW YORK

5.00 p. m.—De Droit's orchestra.
6.30 p. m.—Alamac orchestra.
7.00 p. m.—Richman's Entertainers; Elkins' orchestra.
8.00 p. m.—Talk, College Clothes.
9.30 p. m.—Dance orchestra.
10.00 p. m.—Clover Gardens Dance orchestra.
12.00 p. m.—Strand Entertainers.

THE VOICE FROM KQV

Ever since boyhood, F. C. Potts delighted in delving into the mysterious. That's how he became interested in radio. He hasn't given up his hobby as announcer for station KQV at Pittsburgh, Pa. Now he reads every book he can get on psychology and other mysteries of the mind, and he's a nut on physical culture.

SANTA DISTRIBUTES HIS GIFTS BY RADIO

By N.E.A. Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—This will be a radio Christmas in more ways than one.

Let alone the popularity of radio in the downtown stores at this time, broadcasting stations are taking it up, inviting Santa Claus to their studios and giving the children a new treat.

Broadcasting station WAHG, here, has devised a plan by which young and old will benefit. The Santa of this station has prepared a list of gifts for fans, ranging from a novelty or toy to a house and lot, fully equipped!

A postal card may win the best prize, so simple are the requirements for this Santa Claus contest. All WAGH's Santa wants is a card or letter from fans listening in on his program, and telling what they think of it. Of course, distance and method of conception will count.

Woman In It

A peculiar characteristic of this Santa is "his" feminine voice. It belongs to the famous "Nancy Clancy," who acts as Santa's announcer at WAHG.

The radio Santa from WAHG will be on the air every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at 7.10 and 9 o'clock, eastern standard time. For the far west audience Santa appears on Saturday and Monday nights at 1 a. m., eastern time.

Here's the Address

If you get WAHG and hear Santa Claus, tell all about it in a letter and send it to this address:

Radio Santa Claus of WAHG,
Richmond Hill,
Long Island, N. Y.

There are prizes for all, young and old of both sexes. Included among them are a dozen of the latest type Grebe synerophase receivers, loud speakers, tubes, batteries and other parts. There are toys for children and useful articles for men and women.

And, of course, the house and lot, complete even to a radio set, for the best letter.

MARINE SERVICES IN RADIO FIELD

There is a large variety of services for which ship radio sets are useful besides those essential to their own navigation. George S. Davis, head of the radio telegraph department of the United Fruit company, lists them as follows:

1. Distress or SOS calls, which all ships and all broadcasting stations must be ready to receive and answer.
2. Weather reports from ships, more than 25,000 of which are sent in to the United States weather bureau annually, and from which important weather forecasts are made.
3. Navigational aids, such as typographic reports, derelict reports, loopatrol, radio beacon, radio compass.
4. Free medical service, in which advice of competent authorities is flashed from shore or some big liner is flashed from shore or some big to other ships.
5. Owner's service, including ship position reports, etc., of great intangible service.
6. Telepraphic and phone service for passengers, putting them in close touch with land.
7. Press service, in which daily news reports are broadcast from land to liners at sea.

GUIDED BY RADIO

Radio waves, from a wire run along the ground, may be a means of guiding the air transports from London to Paris and between other cities. The plan is being tested.

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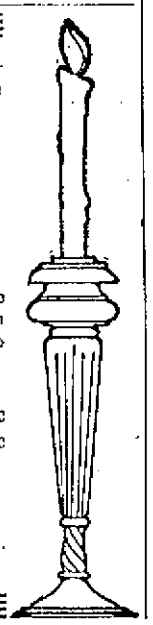

BOWLING

TALBOT MILL LEAGUE

Four interesting games were rolled in the Talbot Mill league on the Crescent alleys last night. W. Mullin of the Weavers set up the high total with the splendid mark of 343. Conway of the Finishing Room team had the high single, 134. He had a total of 334. Rosania of the Dyehouse came next with a three string total of 320. The scores:

LOOM FIXERS

Horner	83	86	82	250
Chambers	101	82	78	261
McBride	86	91	79	256
Radcliffe	81	82	107	273
Hall	96	93	115	313
Totals	449	433	477	1359

WEAVERS

Butler	87	83	108	278
Bostwick	82	98	83	263
R. Condon	84	88	87	259
W. Mullin	116	112	115	343
Campbell	97	96	89	282
Totals	468	477	482	1425

DYEHOUSE

Mahoney	85	87	74	246
Olson	98	96	81	274
Nugent	101	81	85	267
Linnehan	85	97	72	254
Rosania	94	114	112	320
Totals	463	474	424	1361

SPINNERS

Chambers	78	73	98	249
Cullen	87	90	92	269
Sheehan	107	78	82	267
Collins	84	92	102	278
McNulty	101	99	99	299
Totals	457	463	473	1362

FINISHING

A. St. John, Jr.	71	83	91	215
Dolo	90	105	99	294
A. St. John, Sr.	103	89	97	289
Conway	134	90	110	334
Ennison	92	88	82	262
Totals	490	455	479	1424

CARDING

H. Condon	96	84	101	281
Conlin	76	91	78	245
Maxwell, Sub	100	83	101	284
Lyons, Sub	91	90	96	233
Delehanty	100	94	106	300
Totals	463	448	482	1393

WOOL

Wain	82	92	76	250
T. McTeague	80	84	82	246
La Cosse	83	111	105	299
Nugent	100	77	101	278
J. McTeague	80	80	107	267
Totals	425	444	471	1340

OFFICE

Clark	88	86	73	247
Pattis	90	87	89	266
Ross	79	81	79	239
Fraser	77	81	81	239
McDonald	83	84	101	268
Totals	417	419	423	1259

CHELMSFORD CENTRE LEAGUE

TEAM THREE

McElroy	82	107	106	295
Stewart	95	108	87	290
Sub	91	85	83	259
Desmarais	107	98	107	312
Bunce	100	99	80	279
Totals	475	497	463	1435

TEAM TWO

Donovan	113	85	83	281
Kempton	93	92	98	283
Sub	82	98	87	267
E. Simard	91	108	94	293
F. Simard	97	106	90	293
Totals	476	489	452	1417

TEAM FOUR

M. Johnston	99	101	96	296
L. McElroy	95	93	100	289
Rose	89	89	84	262
Thursby	108	92	98	295
Brigham	98	93	94	285
Totals	489	468	478	1430

TEAM FIVE

Blume	82	86	103	271
Fogarty	86	99	104	288
Rosengard	90	98	76	264
Curtin	91	80	85	256
Baker	100	108	93	310
Totals	457	471	462	1389

TEAM SIX

E. Merrill	103	88	105	301
Webb	95	99	106	300
Peabody	85	102	96	283
Moshier	103	119	100	327
Todd	86	98	112	296
Totals	482	506	519	1507

TEAM ONE

R. Cole	101	89	81	271
J. Desmarais	101	82	113	296
Kneeland	90	106	96	292
Armstrong	91	89	115	295
Pennihan	102	95	97	294
Totals	488	461	502	1451

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

WAMESIT K. OF P.

Johnson	78	76	86	240
Toye	75	77	85	237
Wood	74	99	91	264
Hankinson	90	81	83	254
Hoyle	84	79	118	281
Totals	401	412	463	1276

CENTRALVILLE

A. Esterbrook	83	83	90	256
A. Dixon	81	75	66	222
R. Fogg	82	97	98	277
Sub	71	76	86	233
E. Bigelow	107	123	95	325
Totals	427	464	427	1323

CLAN GRANT SECOND

Smith	89	86	86	241
Campbell	81	79	90	260
Middleton	84	93	83	260
Robertson	83	84	80	252
Ritchie	91	91	82	264
Totals	433	433	101	1267

HIGHLAND, 970, R. A.

Phinney	90	72	114	276
Berguron	89	100	98	287
Sub	81	79	66	226
Streeter	97	104	93	294
Lafleur	85	81	90	259
Totals	442	439	458	1342

SONS OF ST. GEORGE

S. Hurtt	97	88	87	272
D. Holgate	97	84	71	252
H. Marsh	93	92	101	286
A. Bennett	87	110	94	291
H. Dickinson	81	103	91	275
Totals	455	477	444	1376

CLAN GRANT

A. Angus	87	86	107	280
J. Fraser	96	87	95	278
D. Thompson	101	93	108	302
G. Boucher	90	101	100	291
A. McIntyre	98	90	98	286
Totals	472	462	578	1432

ROOSEVELT COUNCIL

Hughes	85	87	103	275
Myhr	87	105	84	276
Kenyon	87	93	98	278
Dooley	94	102	86	282
Totals	353	387	371	2111

LOWELL NO. 8

Murphy	88	100	91	279
Turnquist	94	73	81	253
Marshall	75	85	94	254
Edwards	97	39	111	257
Totals	354	352	377	1083

CO. D, M.N.G. LEAGUE

TEAM FOUR

Dixon	88	100	84	272
Shea	78	83	86	247
W. Fitzgerald	85	83	87	255
Tourtlott	69	84	66	219
J. Fitzgerald	81	122	84	290
Totals	401	472	407	1283

TEAM THREE

Miazga	83	88	92	263
Muck	66	78	76	220
Primeau	79	77	85	241
Camden	91	96	75	262
Grady	77	51	83	211
Totals	396	420	411	1227

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games were played in the City Basketball league in the Y.M.C.A. last night, the Iroquois defeating the Barretts 24 to 14, and the Lowell Boys' club taking the measure of the Rovers by a 24-11 count. The lineups and summaries were:

BARRETTS		IROQUOIS
Sylvester, Turcotte, If	rb,	Laplante
Plouffe, Cormier, rf	lb,	Roy, Monohan
P. Sullivan, c		c, Grysb
A. Sullivan, lb	rf,	Ducharme
Coope, rb		lf, Forget

Summary: Score, Iroquois 24, Barretts 14. Goals: By Iroquois 10, Barretts 7. Fouls: By Iroquois 4. Time: Four 8-minute periods. Referee: Bruce Douglas. Timekeeper: Ratchin.

ROVERS		BOYS' CLUB
McLean, Rancourt, lf	rb,	Fadden
Choquette, rf	lb,	Kokoska, Stanley
Romeo, Yafferty, c		c, Bugeil
Whiteside, lb	rf,	Cochrane
Hughes, Ralls, rb	lb,	Murray

Summary: Score, Boys' Club 24, Rovers 11. Goals: By Boys' Club 9, Rovers 3. Fouls: By Boys' Club 6, Rovers 5. Time: Four 8-minute periods. Referee: Towne. Timekeeper: Ratchin.

Only two other American motor cars besides Buick propel themselves through a torque tube drive, instead of through the rear springs. One costs around $4000, the other is the highest priced car built in America.

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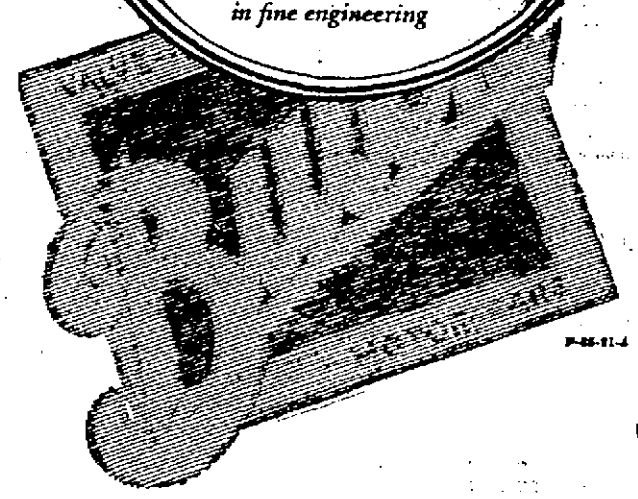

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POPE PROCLAIMS 23RD HOLY YEAR IN HISTORY OF PAPACY

Performs Picturesque Ceremony of Knocking Down Holy Door of Basilica of St. Peter's With Symbolic Gold Hammer—Panorama of Solemn Grandeur

ROME, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Pope Pius XI, surrounded by the splendor of medieval pageantry customary for such occasions, today proclaimed from the Vatican the twenty-third Holy Year in the history of the papacy and performed the picturesque ceremony of knocking down the holy door of the basilica of St. Peter's with the symbolic solid gold hammer.

The pontiff thus initiated a series of ceremonies which are expected to attract to Rome during the ensuing year millions of pilgrims from all over the world.

The regal magnificence of today's ceremony, the richness of the pontifical robes, the multicolored uniforms of the various branches of the Vatican forces, and the draperies and canopies that lent gorgeous color to the general background left a panorama of solemn grandeur imprinted on the minds of the favored hundreds who saw the ceremony at close range and the thousands who filled the spacious basilica and overflowed into the expansive square in front.

By far the most impressive part of this age-old yet ever new ceremony was that in which the pope, holding in his right hand the little gold hammer which somewhat resembles in shape an ordinary chairman's gavel, struck thrice the massive holy door, which, in accordance with plans previously worked out by the "sampietrini" —the corps of workmen permanently employed to keep the great edifice in repair—yielded to these blows, gradually falling open. It will remain open during Holy Year, after which the door will be replaced and will remain closed another 25 years until opened again by the same ceremony.

Ceremony Every 25 Years

Immediately after the holy door had fallen open and was rolled away on casters that previously had been attached, the news was proclaimed by the pealing of the bells of the great mother church, in which the bells of all the other 400 churches of the eternal city joined.

The inhabitants of Rome usually are more or less indifferent toward ceremonies in St. Peter's, which pilgrims from afar would almost give a right hand to see, but the ritual of opening the holy door, coming as it does only every 25 years, was enough today to lift the occasion far above the ordinary. It therefore served as a magnet not only for the thousands of pilgrims and tourists who already have arrived, but also for tens of thousands of Romans who can see the great dome of Michaelangelo any time as they go about their daily tasks.

All around the portico, even under the statue of Constantine, were tribunes and boxes decorated in red and gold for the diplomatic corps, the Roman aristocracy, the Order of Malta, the family of the pope, and one section reserved for members of visiting royal families. In a special place facing the throne was erected a stand for the Sistine choir, conducted by Abbe Lorenzo Perosi, and for the six heralds with their six famous silver trumpets for announcing the arrival and departure of the pope.

The main aisle of the basilica had been rolled off, leaving it free for the papal procession, while the remainder of the interior was reserved for the public.

When everything was ready for the ceremony to begin the pontiff was carried from his apartments in a closed sedan chair which first halted in the the Sistine chapel, where His Holiness knelt to worship. Taking the censer offered him by Cardinal Merry del Val, first ranking member of the Order of Priests in the Sacred college, the pontiff incensed three times the blessed sacrament, while the Sistine choir sang "Veni Creator."

Pontifical Procession

As the pontifical procession left the Sistine chapel each of its members bore aloft a lighted candle, and all chanted liturgical verses. Upon reaching the entrance to the great nave of St. Peter's the procession halted a few moments while the pope left the sedan chair, and before proceeding through the nave, was lifted into the famous Sedia Gestatoria. Here also the holy father donned the white and gold mitre. The Sedia Gestatoria was preceded by a group of Swiss guards in their gold, blue and red striped uniforms. In the procession also were members of the various religious orders, chaplains, private chamberlains and numberless ecclesiastics, dressed in variously colored uniforms. Then came functionaries carrying the triple crown, the jeweled mitre and the papal cross, flanked on either side by lighted candles.

There followed a striking group of mitred abbots. All the members of the College of Cardinals living in Rome, or who came for the purpose, were present except Cardinals Delai, Vannutelli and Pompili, who meanwhile were opening the holy doors of the basilicas of St. Paul's, Santa Maria Maggiore and St. John Lateran, respectively. Each cardinal in the procession was accompanied by a train-bearer and by a master of ceremonies in Elizabethan costume.

The arrival of the pope in the portico was heralded by the six silver trumpets sounding the celebration pontifical march composed by Longhi. While everybody knelt he descended from the Sedia Gestatoria and went to the papal throne. All eyes turned toward the pope, who, after praying, ascended the steps leading to the holy door and struck it three times with the golden hammer, saying as he did so: "Aperite mihi portas justitiae." And the singing chaplains answered: "Ingressus in eas confitebor domino."

The blows of the golden hammer struck a large slate tablet put up for the purpose, on which a cross had been engraved. The yielding of the door to the pontiff's blows was not immediate. He went back to his throne, and it was only then—several moments later—that the master of ceremonies, by means of a special yellow silk rope at the other end of which a bell was attached, notified the "sampietrini" on the other side that the ceremony was over and that the door might now be let down. Slowly the massive door was lowered and was immediately rolled away.

Bells of 400 Churches Toll

This done, the penitentiaries of the Vatican basilica, using sponges, washed with holy water all the parts of the aperture left bare after the holy door was removed, and also dried these parts by specially blessed towels. At this moment the bells of St. Peter's followed by those of Rome's other 400 churches, pealed forth the tidings that Holy Year had actually begun.

Simultaneously the pope, standing erect on the throne, chanted prayers of thanksgiving for having granted him grace for inaugurating the Holy Year and the Sistine choir sang the sublime music of Palestine. Then the pope, holding a lighted candle in his left hand and a cross in his right, went to the holy door and knelt on its threshold, singing the Te Deum. The pontiff was the first to cross the threshold, followed by Cardinals Bisleti and Lega, and then by all the other cardinals, who kissed the doorpost as they passed.

Plus then went into the chapel of the Pieta, where he entrusted the custody of the holy door for the ensuing year to the religious brotherhoods of Rome. In so doing he delivered an address in which he recalled the meanings of the holy year and holy door. He explained that the holy door is symbolical of the marvelous eternal doors of the City of God, to which admission is granted only to those who have purified themselves through expiation or through acquiring indulgence. He emphasized the importance of the injunction that the holy door should never be profaned, and ended.

After a short rest the pope again entered the Sedia Gestatoria and, in the same procession as that preceding the opening of the holy door, was carried to the altar of the confession in the center of the basilica directly underneath the great dome.

Standing on the altar, the holy father, after having read the ritual formula of the benediction, imparted the apostolic blessing to the kneeling multitude. Afterward, Cardinals Bisleti and Lega read in the Latin and Italian languages the formula of the plenary indulgences granted for the jubilee year.

This over, His Holiness, still carried in the same procession, retired to his apartments, and the ceremony was ended.

In the afternoon the main doors of St. Peter's were thrown open to the public and great streams of devout followers flowed past the holy door, each kissing the doorpost as he passed.

A Hawaiian proverb says that the world was made out of a gourd.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO NAVY BY SEC. WILBUR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to the navy with an expression of sympathy for those bereaved by deaths in the service and campaigns for the work of the last year have been made public by Secretary Wilbur.

"I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps and to all civilians connected with the service and their families, especially to those in our hospitals," said the secretary's message. "I congratulate you all that your work was well done this year and confidently expect that you will uphold the traditions and reputation of the service for loyalty and devotion in the coming year.

"Let us also remember in this holiday season those in the service who during the past year have yielded the last full measure of devotion and loyalty; the relations and friends thus bereaved will be sustained and comforted by a knowledge that we remember the loss and the service so devotedly rendered."

CLUB MEMBERS HOSTS TO CHILDREN

Children of the Centralville district will be guests of the Centralville East End club tomorrow afternoon at Christmas tree exercises at Varnum park, and every child attending will be given a bag of gifts by the club Santa Claus. Every child in Centralville is invited to attend and the club has made arrangements to properly care for each and every one.

Christmas dinner supplies for 50 needy families in the district were distributed by club members this afternoon, and the club is taking every step possible to see that everyone in the district is in a position to celebrate Christmas day in a happy manner.

ANNUAL SOUVENIR DINNER

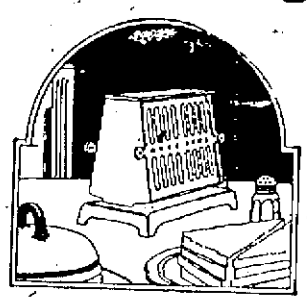
Plans for the annual souvenir dinner of the Lowell Advertising club, in Memorial Auditorium New Year's eve, have been completed and the committee in charge states that both prizes and entertainment will be better than at previous similar dinners. Tickets are now available to the public, as the membership has been taken care of, and persons desirous of attending are urged to obtain their tickets at once.

India is the second largest cotton growing country in the world.

HELD CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held last evening by the occupants of the Appleton Bank building in the building and was largely attended by office tenants, their wives and office workers. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was the centre of attraction and from this amusing gifts were distributed. A buffet luncheon followed the tree exercises, and several of the business men present were called upon for remarks by Toastmaster James Stuart Murphy.

Something Special for Xmas



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Cotton Bed Spreads...$2.00 to $10.00
Artificial Silk Bed Spreads, $9.95 to $16.50
Turkish Towels, plain and fancy. Each .....25c to 79c
Huck Towels .....12½c to 39c
Fancy Jacquard Cotton Blankets, $2.98 to $6.50
Bathrobe Blankets $3.98
Crib Blankets.....79c to $3.50
Table Covers.....$1.00 to $2.98
Table Sets, $4.00 to $5.00 value. Special $2.98
Sheets .....$1.10 to $1.95
Embroidered Pillow Cases— Each .....59c to 89c
Embroidered Table Covers, $1.49 to $2.98
Embroidered Scarfs.....79c to $1.49
Women's Cotton Hose, pair 19c to 39c
Women's Mercerized Hose, 25c to 39c
Women's Wool Hose, pair 39c to 50c
Women's Fibre Silk Hose, 50c to 69c
Women's Silk and Wool Hose, 69c and 79c
Boys' and Girls' Cotton Hose, 25c to 39c
Boys' and Girls' Mercerized Hose— Pair .....39c and 50c
Boys' and Girls' Wool Hose, 39c and 50c
Golf Hose, pair.....25c to 69c
Infants' Cashmere Hose, 39c and 45c
Women's Winter Vests and Pants, 35c to 95c
Women's Union Suits....89c to $1.50
Children's and Misses' Vests and Pants, each .....39c and 50c
Children's and Misses' Union Suits, 79c and 89c
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Heavy Jacquard Turkish Towels, in pink, blue and gold. A large assortment of designs.

A Merry Christmas

The Shepherds and the Holy Child

CHRISTMAS EVE BED-TIME STORY

Santa Claus is coming to visit you tonight.

After you are sound asleep he will slip down the chimney or maybe through the front door, and he is going to leave you presents.

And he will leave hurriedly, for he must see all the millions of little boys and girls who are waiting for him to come.

All year long he has been waiting

for the time to pay you this visit. In his home in the far north he has worked day and night to have a well-filled pack of joy for little boys and girls.

He knows that he will make you happy. And tomorrow, when you see what Santa has left for you, you must be happy.

It will be impossible for him to see every little boy and girl and there will be some who will pass their Christmas without the happiness you will have.

Even though he may not bring you everything you have wished for, he will leave you everything that he can.

He must save something for the other little girls and boys. Little Jimmy Thompson must have a sled and Mary O'Toole would cry if she didn't get a big doll to play with.

So tomorrow when you go out to play, remember that Santa Clause has been very good to you and if you see a little girl or boy whom Santa has missed, give them some of your candy.

Or let them play with your toys. For if you do Santa will like you. And when you grow to be a great big man Santa will bring you joy for having remembered to help him spread Christmas happiness.

For Santa loves those who love others.

Sh-h-h!

You mustn't make a sound! 'Twould spoil the dream
Of one whose thoughts are filled with tender joys.
He sleeps in peace! Then Santa comes—unseen.
And fills his little stockies up with toys.
To steal a look, had planned this little child.
But—let him sleep—and let his dreams run wild.

A Christmas Story

BY ALBERT APPLE

A phantom man from Mars, exploring in an airplane, visited our earth. He landed at night in a clearing at the center of a forest. Leaving his plane, he set forth to a great city and mingled for days among the people.

Now, this man from Mars had a magical power of making himself invisible. So no one saw him.

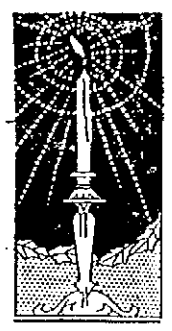
Returning to Mars, he reported: "The earth people impressed me as selfish, self-centered. It's every man for himself. They scheme against each other and are guilty of meanness, even crimes, in a struggle to get more wealth than they need. Life on earth is a hard fight, wearisome, disappointing. The earthlings are not yet sufficiently civilized to realize that they would be richer and happier by co-operating—by helping instead of opposing each other. The result is that in a world of plenty there are millions of unfortunates who have only the bare necessities of life. Envies and jealousies are rife. It must be a wretched place to live."

The Martians sent their phantom explorer back to earth. He arrived on Christmas eve, spent a few days and returned home amazed. This time he reported:

"The earthlings have a most extraordinary festival known as Christmas. On this day, every one is generous, kind, happy. It is the only day in the year when the goal of the earthlings is to give instead of to get. With thrills of pleasure they bestow gifts on their beloved ones. They seek out the poor and help them liberally. All is peace, happiness, good fellowship."

The phantom explorer paused and eyed his bewildered listeners.

"The remarkable part of Christmas on earth," said he, "is that the earthlings realize Christmas is the happiest day of the year by reason of this Christmas spirit. It seems not to occur to them that all other days could be as happy if the Christmas spirit were in force all the time instead of just one day a year. Perhaps, later when they see the light, every day will be like Christmas. True happiness is in unselfishness, liberality and helping others."



THE REVOLT OF THE TOYS.

A CHRISTMAS PLAY WITH A MORAL

BY DONN SUTTON

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A Christmas Play With a Moral

Characters:

Jack-in-the-Box.....Tin Cossack
Teddy Bear.....Ginger-Bread Doll
China Rabbit.....Rocking Horse
Little Boy

The Scene:

The front parlor, three nights after Christmas. . . . A low light burns. . . . The Christmas tree stands lop-sided, bedragged and torn, in a corner of the room. . . . About the floor are scattered toys, marred and broken.

The marble clock on the mantel strikes twelve. . . . The battered toys are seen to stir. . . .

Jack-in-the-Box

(Comes out of his box with many squeaks and groans):

Oh, say,
I hope and pray
I'll never see another day
Like this . . .

Teddy Bear

(Blinks his remaining glass eye):

He jabbed my eyes
And pulled my ear,
Till I can't see
Nor hardly hear.

China Rabbit

(Hops across the floor on three legs):

This bunny's mad,
I'll tell you that;
He hit my leg
With a baseball bat.

Tin Cossack

(In rage):

He knocked me off my horseski
And took my swordski away . . .
Vodka! Vodka! . . .

Ginger-Bread Doll:

He ate my hat and ate my curls,
And then he bit my ear;
He ate the shoes right off my feet—
He'll eat me, too, I fear!

Rocking Horse

(With an angry whinny):

He rides me in the morning,
He rides me in the night,
He beats me with a leather whip
Because I cannot bite.

All the Toys

We're beaten and broken and hammered apart
We're trampled and battered and shot,
We're set upon, sat upon, all through the day—
Oh, ours is a terrible lot!

(The room becomes filled with the mournful wails of the toys. Then the wailing turns to angry murmurs. . . .

The Jack-in-the-box shakes his head with vengeance. The Teddy Bear emits a low growl. The China Rabbit digs his claws into the carpet. The Tin Cossack finds his sword and waves it overhead. The Ginger-Bread Doll stamps her feet with feminine wrath. The Rocking Horse kicks high into the air).

Jack-in-the-Box:

Comrades . . . comrades . . . !

Teddy Bear:

Sh-h-h-h!

(The clamor in the room dies down).

Jack-in-the-Box:

Comrades, the hour to strike, is here!

China Rabbit:

Hear! Hear! Hear!

Jack-in-the-Box

Let's not delay, but follow me
As up the stairs I creep;
In a pink-walled room not far away,
The villain lies asleep!

(Very cautiously, whispering among themselves, the toys start up the stairway. As they tumble up the steps, a marvelous thing happens. The toys grow bigger and bigger and bigger. . .

By the time they reach the door of the pink-walled room, they're life sized. All of them enter through the door except the Rocking Horse, who sticks his head through and neighs very loud.

The sound wakes up the Little Boy who lies in bed).

Little Boy

(Rubs his eyes):

Who's there?

Jack-in-the-Box

Six mutilated toys are we
Who've been afraid of you;
Tonight we've come to let you taste
The same thing we've been through.

Tin Cossack:

Come on—let's do our stuffski!

(All the toys come up to the bed with fearful cries).

Jack-in-the-Box

Let me twist his neck—

Teddy Bear:

Let me claw his eyes out—

China Rabbit:

I want to break his legs—

Tin Cossack:

I'll run my swordski through him—

Ginger-Bread Doll:

Let me tear his hair out—

Rocking Horse

(From doorway):

I'll kick over the wall onto him!

(Just as the toys are about to spring onto the Little Boy, a tremendous sound fills the room. . . It is the ringing of a great bell. . . . The toys stop dead in their tracks).

All the Toys

Oh! Oh! Oh!

(The bell keeps on ringing. . . It is an alarm clock on the bureau. . . . And now another marvelous thing happens. The toys seem to grow smaller—and then melt away altogether into thin air).

Little Boy

(The ringing ceases):

Oh, mom! Oh, mom!

Voice in Another Room:

What is it, sonny?

Little Boy

(Sobs):

Oh, mom, I've had a fearful dream
To tell all girls and boys—
Perhaps 'twill make them want to be
More careful with their toys!

Curtain.

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A Merry Christmas

America's Christmas Tree

This is the nation's Christmas tree. It is a giant spruce presented to President Coolidge through the American Forestry Association. It will be used each year at national Yule celebrations in Sherman Monument Square, across from the White House. Its mission is to encourage the use of living trees each Christmas, thereby helping conserve America's fast diminishing forests.

Is There a Santa Claus?

Twenty-seven years ago little Virginia O'Hanlon, perplexed by this question, wrote to the Editor of the New York Sun: "I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

The following editorial published in The Sun in 1897, one of the finest things in our literature, answered for all time and all children this old, old question.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real thing in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in all the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Yes, Here's Santa Too

Eulogy to a Christmas Tree

To the Municipal Christmas tree at the Memorial Auditorium:

I like to think of you as you were last Christmas and the years before, standing lonely vigil on a bleak hill: A twinkling star nestled on your topmost tip seeming to sway with you in the wind. And the wind sighed as it passed you by on its melancholy ways, leaving huddled birds to chirp thanksgiving for your protection. Moonbeams turned your burden of snow into a glistening diadem. Lone stragglers looking up at you saw the dome of heaven come closer and sensed the fluttering of wings. And thus you became as a shrine in a temple of worship. But they cut you down to prop you up here, overshadowed and dwarfed by the beautiful Memorial building at whose door you stand. Ugly wires and harsh lights paint you with hard colors. The shuffling of many feet about you never is stilled. Yet in the multitude there may come those who will see, not the lights and the despoiled tree, but the hill and the star and the lonely wind and the shrine in the temple. And you will not have died in vain. And when your day of tinsel is done there may be found one open hearth in all this town around which men and children may gather to breathe the balm of your burning boughs and to build castles in your glowing embers. And if those who dream and build will come to know great buildings, and poems and electric signs and subways are made by fools like all of us, "but only God can make a tree" there will have been beauty in your passing.

Sec. Weeks Extends Greetings to Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Christmas greetings to those connected with the military service were expressed today by Secretary Weeks in a statement broadcast to army posts.

"At this holiday season of the year," Mr. Weeks said, "I take the greatest personal pleasure in wishing to every officer and soldier in the army of the United States a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The high standards of the American army and the security of the country have been assured through the loyal work of our forces. Your profession is one highly honored by the people of the country and are grateful for the service you render the nation. I hope the coming year will be most satisfactory in every respect to everyone connected with the military service."

SANTA CLAUS VISITOR AT LOCAL CHURCHES

Santa Claus visited several of the churches last evening and distributed Christmas gifts from beautifully arranged trees in the vestries where hundreds of children gathered and received toys and sweets galore. Several of the churches will be visited this evening and tomorrow morning and in each instance the Christmas tree and distribution of gifts will be the main feature of the program.

The Sunday school pupils of the Grace Universalist church were entertained yesterday afternoon in the upper hall of the parish house which was prettily decorated in the season's finery. Prof. Edwin A. Hoadley of the Lowell State Normal school kept his childish auditors on their toes as he performed numerous magical tricks. The boys were especially interested. Following the entertainment program Santa made an appearance and in return for his many gifts the children presented him a sum of money to be used in helping make Christmas merry for other children less fortunate than they. Harold Conklin, superintendent of the church school was in charge of the affair.

The children of the Central Baptist church held their Christmas entertainment last evening when an enjoyable musical and entertainment program was given under the direction of the Misses Alice Tabor, Elizabeth Shattuck and Helen Munn. Walter A. Chase appeared as Santa Claus and he was assisted by members of the congregation in distributing the gifts.

The lower vestry of the First Baptist church was the scene last evening of a merry gathering of children as they entertained Santa Claus, the guest of the evening who left in his wake numerous gifts and favors. Under the direction of Miss Elsie Perron and Mrs. Grady D. Fagan an entertainment program was given and refreshments served.

Young and old members of the Highland Congregational church gathered in the lower vestry of the church and enjoyed a fine program of Christmas music. Gifts were distributed to the many youngsters in attendance and a light luncheon was served.

The children of the Eliot Union church gathered in the church vestry yesterday afternoon when a program of games and musical numbers was enjoyed in which all present participated. The members of the King's Daughters of the church served refreshments while Edwin T. Shaw, superintendent of the church school was in general charge of the affair.

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

Simple Observance in View of Death of Son by Pres. and Mrs. Coolidge

No Christmas Tree and No Guests Other Than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Memories of Christmas in other years before the family circle was broken crowded in upon President and Mrs. Coolidge today as they prepared for their second Christmas in the White House.

With the approach of the holiday bringing fresh reminders of the loss of Calvin, the younger son who in years past contributed much to the season's merriment, the preparations made were with a view to the simplest observance. There will be no Christmas tree, and no guests other than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, who arrived today and who through long association, have been regarded by the president and his wife almost as members of the family.

Although Mr. Coolidge by executive order released all government employes from their work at noon today and government business virtually ceased at that time until Friday, he, himself, had arranged to spend the greater part of the afternoon at his desk. Mrs. Coolidge had accepted an invitation to assist officers of one of the city's charitable organizations in the distribution during the afternoon of Christmas baskets to the poor.

Two of the features of the White House Christmas eve last year, however, are to be continued.

The president, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, after dinner tonight, will walk across to Sherman Circle to be present at the lighting of the national community Christmas tree, a five spruce nearly fifty feet in height, brought down from the Adirondack mountains of New York and planted there a week ago by several national organizations. Mrs. Coolidge will turn a switch to light the tree.

This little ceremony will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols from the White House portico by the choir of the First Congregational church, which the president and his family attend.

Tomorrow morning, after an exchange of gifts, the president, Mrs. Coolidge and their son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Stearns will attend union Christmas services arranged by the churches of Washington. Christmas dinner will be served in the evening with a big turkey, grown on a Wyoming reclamation project, and recently sent to the White House by Wyoming friends of the chief executive, occupying the place of prominence.

Christmas Thoughts

Over the earth evening's shadows are creeping,
Long since the sun, sank in vapors of gold,
And bright stars in Heaven their vigils are keeping
Just as they did in Judea of old.

Heaven and earth the sweet story's repeating
Of which angels sang in the years long ago,
And countless choirs of angels are meeting
Chanting His praise, as through heaven they go.

"Glory to God, Who is highest in heaven,
Peace be on Earth to men of good will"—
Again that great anthem by angels is given,
O, pause from your labor, and hear, if yo will!

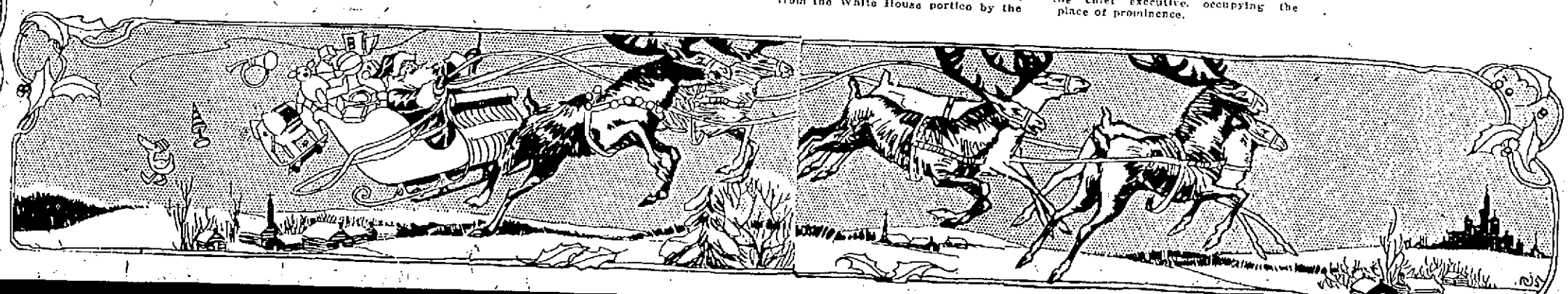
Come, let us follow the wise men who wandered
Bringing rich gifts to the Christ Child so dear,
Think of their journey, and O, how they pondered
On finding the babe, in a stable so drear!

Rest from your grasping, ye, who are contriving,
Vast sums to store in your coffers away,
Pause ye, who for great, selfish power are striving
And come to the manger, so lowly, today.

Bring on your journey, some soul tired and weary
Or some one who gropes on the pathway of sin,
Some one, who with poverty struggles, so dreary,
Then will your real joys of Christmas begin.

These are the gifts the Saviour will cherish
When in the future His face we shall see,
Remember, His words from the world shall not perish—
"In Doing to These, Ye Have Done It to Me."

—MARIE COLLINS HOUGHTON,
In the Lawrence Tribune.



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CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow will be Christmas, the feast of the Nativity, the central idea of man's redemption through the promised Messiah. It is quite remarkable to what an extent the anniversary is observed at the present time, as compared with the custom some forty or fifty years ago.

There are hundreds of people working in the local mills today who remember when all the factories ran on Christmas day, as if it meant nothing to them or their employes. The change is quite gratifying, of course, but unfortunately it does not indicate that we are more religious today than we were then. On the contrary, we may be very much less so, for although Christmas was not then observed as a legal holiday, yet the people, as a rule, honored the day in a religious way, either by appropriate services on that particular day or on the Sunday following.

At present the observance of Christmas runs largely to the general dissemination of good cheer, the outpouring of charity, and the maintenance of the traditional coming of Santa Claus in a way that delights the hearts of the children and almost equally so the older folks who can afford the expense.

The most important form of Christmas observance, however, is the religious, which is based upon firm faith in Christ the Redeemer of mankind, whose coming was foretold by the prophets and whose miracles on earth and triumphant resurrection are as authentic as the contemporaneous facts of profane history. Unfortunately today we find a tendency in some quarters to deny some of the biblical truths of revealed religion, particularly if they do not seem to accord with our present day views of what is probable. Some people refuse to believe anything that is not evident to their senses, although if that principle were followed, we should soon be a nation of agnostics and atheists. The human understanding being finite cannot fathom the infinite, so that the mysteries of religion must be accepted on faith, for St. Paul says, "we walk by faith and not by sight." But mere faith or assent to the truth is void of saving grace as the apostle says, "Faith without good works is dead."

In the light of its pious inspiration to the exercise of true charity, relief of the poor, the suffering, the afflicted and the general diffusion of good will among men, Christmas brings a wonderful uplift toward the love, the mutual sympathy, the religious zeal and the devotion to the cause of righteousness that reflects the nearest approach to the general application of the true ideals of Christianity.

Tonight and tomorrow the atmosphere all around the earth will be vibrant with the radio rendition of Christmas carols in addition to the vocal efforts of great church choirs, so that it would seem as if again was heard from the sky the song of the angels and that throughout Christendom all the people joined in one great chorus of "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

ANOTHER BRIDGE WANTED

A resident of South Lowell writes The Sun to say that a bridge across the Concord is very much needed for the convenience of the people living in that locality who now are obliged to depend entirely upon the Wigglyville car for conveyance down city. They have to make a round-about trip if they want to reach any point in the western part of the city. There is probably no other part of the city in which a bridge would open up more land for development into valuable property that would increase the revenue of the city from taxation. Any real estate dealer, according to our correspondent, who visits the locality can see what a wide sweep of valuable land would be opened up for residential purposes by a bridge across the Concord river near the central point of South Lowell. The time is not far distant, it is hoped, when North Billerica will be annexed to the city of Lowell and if that should take place, one bridge would hardly be sufficient for the accommodation of the people who would establish homes on either side of the Concord river within the city limits. In this case no estimate of the cost is given.

DR. ELIOT EXPLAINS

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, has issued a letter in which he says that in his statement that the Irish have not become "assimilated" as American citizens, he did not cast any reflection upon the race, but simply implied that they had not lost their racial identity in this country. Dr. Eliot claims that the different interpretation applied to the word "assimilation" has resulted in a misunderstanding of his meaning. He says that "no intelligent person believes or maintains that the Irish people who have immigrated to this country since the constitution of the United States was adopted, have not become interested and patriotic American citizens, while maintaining and illustrating their Celtic qualities." Dr. Eliot allows that it is better for this country for the races that come here to maintain their racial instincts rather than amalgamate completely with other races so as to become a composite whole. He states that there has never been any "melting pot" in the United States and that there is not likely to be any in the future, a statement which is but relatively true.

FRAMINGHAM

Framingham has petitioned the legislature for advancement to the dignity of a city. Framingham for many years has been a railroad centre of importance. It has a population of over 17,000 and is a very ancient town, having been incorporated in 1676. In recent years it has shown a spirit of progress that entitles it to recognition. It proposes to add an area of about one square mile from the town of Sherborn to its own territory which would help to increase its valuation.

There is no reason why the petition of Framingham should not be granted. At the present time it is larger than some of the other cities of the state, such for example, as Marlboro, Newburyport and Gardner. This year the total valuation is $26,692,392 and the tax rate $29.50. As a city, Framingham would probably start upon a career of prosperity far beyond anything in its past history.

THREE CHIEF DANGERS

There are three real dangers to be guarded against at the Christmas time. First for the celebrators, Santa Claus and his friends, the risk of fire; second, for the thirsty who think they can have no observance of the holiday without filling up, there is the danger of deadly poisonous hooch, such as killed 85 persons in New York within the past week; third, the danger of drownings as a result of skating on the treacherous ice of rivers and canals. There has hardly been a Christmas for the past ten years that did not bring tragedies from one or other of these three causes.

Therefore, beware of fire, of deadly hooch, of thin ice and every other source of danger arising from the observance of Christmas.

PARACHUTE VICTIMS

If the United States government intends to extend the use of the airplane in the mail service, it should provide a parachute that will be sure to open so that the aviator obliged to use it in an emergency will not have to take the risk of relying upon these supposed life-savers when he has to jump into space high in the air. Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, lost his life in Illinois Monday night because the parachute failed to open when he was obliged to leap for life. It is cruel to have these air heroes subjected to such peril. If we cannot get an airplane that will not stall in the air, then we should at least have a parachute that will not fail to open when put into operation. It seems that this is a point upon which our inventors and experts in aerial navigation might well exercise their ingenuity.

FIRES

Important fire losses in the United States soared to over 37 million dollars in November. Highest in 20 months.

Ordinarily this would be considered an evil omen for future business. Fire losses traditionally mount ahead of hard times, many setting fire to their properties to get insurance.

But experts say that big November losses were two-fifths due to poor construction of buildings, which permitted flames to spread swiftly. We seem moving toward the Japanese system of houses built of paper and glue.

AUTOS

Auto makers have had a better year in 1924 than they expected, even though they manufactured about a tenth fewer cars than in 1923.

The 1924 production of passenger cars passed the three millions mark late in November. A car for every family in America is almost a reality. And soon the sales slogan will be, "Two cars for every family, instead of one."

This will seem like extravagance, especially to many who recall when it was quite a matter of course to keep more than one horse.

GIFTS

Philanthropists gave 130 million dollars to education and health in 1924.

These gifts eventually will make the average person more prosperous, according to the elder John D. Rockefeller's theory. He believes that poverty is the result of ignorance and disease and that, with these two causes removed, poverty will vanish. It is a plausible idea, though a lot of nonpoverty is due to excessive prosperity of others. There is just so much to "go round," no more.

LEDOUX AGAIN

Again Urbain J. Ledoux comes to the front demanding that the churches of New York be opened to the jobless during the cold weather. He will be remembered as having figured in similar movements some years ago in Boston when he auctioned off a number of so-called "slaves" as a means of attracting attention to himself and indirectly helping the jobless.

There is no safe or reliable way of securing signatures to a referendum or any other similar petition except by the identification of each voter who signs it. When the petitions are left for miscellaneous signatures without the identification of the signers, there will be false names signed for the purpose of vitiating the entire petition. It is a mean political trick, but right in line with the political game as being played in local politics.

The cross-word puzzle is becoming such a veritable craze throughout the country that it is not surprising that the postoffice department will hereafter exclude from the mails any newspaper or other publication that offers a prize for the solution of cross-word puzzles. There is no reason why this game of chance should not be barred as well as the various others included under the head of lotteries.

There is about as much truth in the announcement that Mrs. Curley may run for mayor of Boston when her husband gets out as there was in the statement that His Honor, through a mythical personage named "Lafayette Mulligan," sent the Prince of Wales the key to the city of Boston.

The chamber of commerce gives Lowell a population of 125,000. Let us hope the census bureau will confirm this count. This indicates reasonable growth as the 1920 census gave us 112,759.

The blackmailer is much more vile in all that constitutes utter baseness and villainous instincts than the gunman who goes out on the highway to plunder defenseless people.

Santa Claus is the busiest one in town these days and he is making everybody else hustle.

SEEN AND HEARD

A Kansas City, Kan., judge has bought a supply of toy automobiles for the use of attorneys in illustrating damage and accident cases that come before his court.

The city of New York has more telephones than London, Paris and Rome combined; more electric lights than any two of them and more miles of electric railway than any three of them.

What Was 'Owling

A cockney, looking over a country estate, was startled by a peculiar noise. "I say, old chap," he asked the agent, "what was that?" "An owl." "My dear man, I know that, but what was 'owling?"

Algebra Language

Mrs. Newly Rich was showing off her son, home on sick leave from a public school, to a bosom friend. "Alfie's learning lots o' languages," she said. "Latin and Greek and French and Algebra and what-not! Alfie, say 'I 'ope you're well' to the lady in algebra!"

A Deceptive Bundle

A woman carrying something wrapped carefully in a blanket entered a Pittsburgh street car. No seat being available, she stood before an elderly woman, who evidently, thinking it was a baby in the blanket, gave the other woman her seat. The woman with the large bundle sat down. After riding several blocks, she carefully turned back the folds of the blanket and disclosed the face of a small black dog.

Found Her Out

The minister of a certain church called upon a woman, a member of his congregation, and, finding no one at home, slipped a card through the letter box, after scribbling upon it the words, "Sorry to find you out." When the woman returned home, Mary, the maid, met her at the door and presented the card with a whispered: "Here, mum, I took charge of this. It would never do for the master to know the minister's found you out."

Agreeable Neighbors

While clearing land for a golf course at Mount Union, Penn., workmen were obliged to remove an old apple tree. When the axe was laid to the trunk they found near the ground a chicken, hen and nest of eggs. Midway up the tree a nest of red field mice was sheltered from the blasts of winter. Near the top a big screech owl had taken up its habitat. The strange neighbors had evidently been living peacefully under the same rooftree.

Father's Reason

Ronald was handy with his fists and had trounced most of the youngsters at the grammar school he attended. His father was delighted with this prowess at first and had the boy given boxing instructions. But before long these were discontinued and the edict went forth that there must be no more scraps. The disgruntled boxing instructor called on Ronald's father to see about this. "Why did you order your boy to stop fighting?" asked the instructor. "He could lick any kid in the neighborhood." "Maybe so. But I couldn't lick all their dads."

Wait and See

Two men were angling. For some time they sat in silence smoking their pipes and watching their lines. Suddenly one of them uttered an excited exclamation and dropped the rod into the river. "Did you see that fellow fall off that cliff over there into the river?" he shouted. "Don't get excited, Tom," answered his companion, soothingly. "It may be a cinema actor doing one of his stunts. They often make films in these parts." "But," said the other, "supposing it isn't and that the man is really in danger?" "Well," replied the other, philosophically, "if he drowns he isn't."

There's a Song in the Air

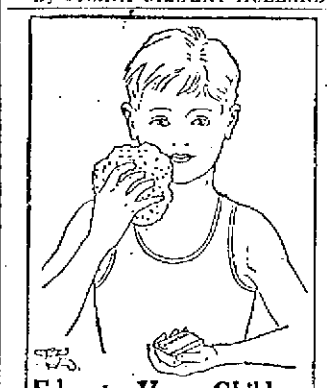
There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the
Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles
a King.

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains fire and the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles
a King.

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled;
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the Beautiful sing,
In the homes of the nations that Jesus
is King.

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the Heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel
they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our Savior
and King.

—By JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND.



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OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Thos. J. Powers Again President of Local Street Railwaymen's Union

The results in the annual election of the officers of the local Street Railwaymen's union held yesterday were announced this morning.

Thomas J. Powers was the unanimous choice to succeed himself as president of the organization. Pres. Powers has served the union faithfully and well during his term and when time came to make nominations the men showed their appreciation of his efforts in their behalf by refusing to name a candidate to oppose him.

Many of the advantages now enjoyed by the car men were brought about by the activities of President Powers. He is ever on the alert to assist his fellow workers and is regarded by the membership as one of the most successful executives ever chosen to lead the organization.

William H. Conroy was elected vice-president in a spirited contest with Laurence Richards. William W. Johnston, the efficient financial secretary treasurer was unopposed for re-election.

Joseph Kearns was elected recording secretary. The big fight of the day came in the contest for the executive committee. Two of the present members, Arthur Clancy and Michael McGoohan went down to defeat, Joseph P. Scully and Henry Hamer being chosen to succeed them. William Sproule, the other member of the board, was re-elected. Charles Burley was the sixth candidate.

William Wright was elected day warden and John H. Morse night warden. Frank Twohey was the choice of the union for correspondent to the Motorman and Conductor's Journal.

A large vote was cast and the election and the counting of the ballots were efficiently handled by the election committee, William Wright, James Quinlan and Joseph Woods.

VETERAN SALEM CITY CLERK DIES AT 72

SALEM, Dec. 24—Captain J. Clifford Entwistle, city clerk of Salem for nearly 30 years, died this morning at his home, 20 Linden street, after a long illness, in his 72nd year. He was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was born June 17, 1852. At the age of 16 years he went to sea, which calling he followed for some 20 years in the China, Australia and India trades, becoming captain of several famous ships. On retirement he took up his residence in Salem, was elected to the city government in the early '90s and in 1895 was elected city clerk, being the fourth city clerk the municipality has had since its incorporation as a city in 1836. He was a 33rd degree Mason, also a member of the A.O.U.W., the Elks, Salem Marine and East Indian societies. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Ella M. Senndaker of Salem.

MAN ABOUT TOWN

All forms of larceny are deplorable, but some are meaner than others and even provocation exists in some instances. The other evening, a Christmas tree was stolen from the back porch of a house in the Highlands and it is pretty hard to imagine the type of person who could so far forget the Christmas spirit as to be guilty of thievery of this sort. Possibly it was the work of youngsters, but parents should not have very much difficulty in finding out how the tree was procured and seeing to it that it was returned.

The decision of the Auto List company to discontinue the publication of Massachusetts motor-vehicle registrations is regretted in many quarters. At the police station, where the books were in daily use, the officers will be handicapped in emergencies, for in the future all numbers must be procured at the office of the motor vehicle registrar in Boston. This will entail some inconvenience. In the past, the owner of a machine and his corresponding registration number could be traced in the book within a few minutes. The system worked out exceedingly well when the police were obliged to deal with criminals. On the other hand, several useless calls were made to the police to look up numbers for private interests. In this respect, the discontinuance is not regretted.

That the fame of the pictures in The Sun office has spread far and wide is apparent by the number of people who daily visit the office especially to view the beautiful paintings hung there. Perhaps the best known of the large group is that entitled "The Pawtucket Falls and Line of Mills" and "The Cotter's Saturday Night," based on Robert Burns' well known classic. Only the other day, two people from out-of-town and recognized as art enthusiasts, entered the office and discussed the pictures while waiting for a depot car. The paintings are among the best in the county in the opinion of art connoisseurs.

Santa comes tonight. I find that old folks as well as the younger generation find much pleasure in anticipating what dear old Kris Kringle has for them. A great deal of joy is found in wrapping Christmas packages and I know for a fact that half the joy of giving lies in the wrapping. Christmas has become quite recognized in recent years as a gift giving season and I find that even the poorest of the poor will sacrifice much in order to be able to extend Christmas cheer to some weary brother at Yuletide.

The proudest men in the fire department yesterday were the members of Engine Company 3, at the Central fire station, their elation being due to the fact that they were chosen to man the new 1000 gallon pumping engine. As this is the only pump in the department with a capacity over 600 gallons, the men feel it is quite an honor to belong to the company. But their pride is to be short-lived, members of Ladder Truck Company 3 say, for within a month or six weeks the new aerial ladder truck will be delivered to their care, and from then on they will be the ones to swell with pride, for it will be the largest truck in the department.

I am informed that the Massachusetts American Legion executive committee has set February 21 next as the day for another state-wide "Poppy Day" drive for relief funds, thus carrying out the vote of the last state convention. First Vice Commander Frank Good of Cambridge, well known in Lowell and a frequent visitor to the city; Treasurer Ralph M. Eastman of Boston, and Committeeman Audell W. Monk of Fairhaven compose the state tag day committee. Commander Leo M. Harlow announces that the money collected will be placed at once in a trust fund to be used exclusively for direct relief of needy and qualified veterans and their dependents. Sentiment among legionnaires in some parts of the state has been directly opposed to any more "drives" of the tag-day brand for funds, and Crossen-Higbom post of Boston is on record against the proposed February 21 drive. It is felt, however, in many other cities and towns where Legion posts thrive, that the convention vote was mandatory. There has been no state-wide poppy drive under American Legion auspices since April, 1923.

WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE

Dracut citizens will celebrate Christmas eve with a community tree festival for the first time. A large spruce, found in the northern woods, has been erected in the town square for the occasion and is decorated with multi-colored incandescent globes, which will be lighted early this evening. The celebration starts at 8 o'clock with community singing. Santa Claus is coming to meet the children a little later. The tree will be lighted each evening until New Year's.

TOM SIMS SAYS

If you just looked out for Number One this Christmas, remember it is the smallest number.

The best Christmas gift is the gift of knowing what others want.

About the only prices that have been lowered recently are those of 1924 calendars.

Dallas (Tex.) man threw a hatchet at her. So she got a divorce. Women are so scary.

Bad news from the Eskimos. They are eating dogs. Next time your dog barks threaten to eat him.

Los Angeles bank messenger says he spent $30,000. Maybe he mistook himself for a movie star.

Auto owners will be tickled to learn a St. Louis garage man was fined for using a stored car.

Chicago man sues his wife for lost love. If he values it at $100,000 he should have taken better care of it.

While Christmas costs a married man more than a bachelor, it is worth more to a married man.

Everybody loves a fat man dressed up as Santa Claus.

The worst thing about winter is it doesn't come in summer.

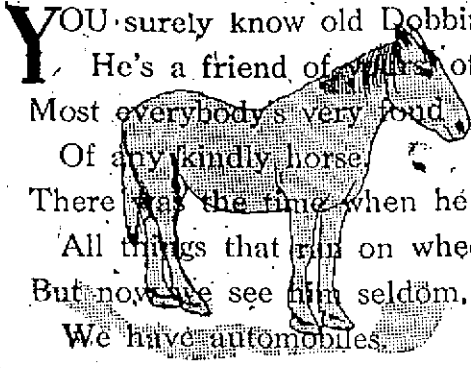
News from Paris. Artists have selected what they call the most perfect girl, figuratively speaking.

St. Louis man phoned home after being missing nine years. May blame it on the poor phone service.

Wisconsin football player will recover from a twisted neck, but must miss necking parties a few months.

It is easy to keep things coming your way when you are going theirs.

THE ZOO



YOU surely know old Dobbin;
He's a friend of mine, of course.
Most everybody's very fond
Of any kindly horse;
There was the time when he would pull
All things that run on wheels,
But now we see him seldom, since
We have automobiles.

Christmas Spirit

by Hal Cochran

HAPPY today?
What makes you that way?
The real Christmas spirit, no doubt.
That feeling inside
Is made up of real pride
And you find that it has to come out

WHO can believe
It's the things you receive
From the friends who remembered you well,
That brings you the cheer,
At this time of the year,
In the place where real sentiments dwell?

IT'S cheerfully giving
That adds to your living,
And brings forth, all over again,
That thought, ne'er to cease,
That real spirit—Peace
On Earth and Good Will to Men.

COMMUNITY SING IN CHELMSFORD

Under the auspices of the Village Improvement association, a community sing will be held in Chelmsford tonight. From 7 o'clock until 7.30, carols will be played by trumpeters in the Unitarian church belfry; from 7.30 o'clock until 8, community singing will be held in front of the town hall, led by Joseph Heathcock. A buffet lunch will be served in the town hall at the conclusion of the evening's program. The large spruce trees on the common will be lighted in honor of the occasion.

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TWO STORES

High Street, corner Andover Street—Belvidere
Bridge Street, corner Third Street—Centralville

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES

Daniel Moynihan Elected President of the Municipal Employes' Union

Daniel Moynihan was elected president of the Municipal Employes' union, at the annual meeting held last evening in Trades and Labor hall. James F Rourke was re-elected secretary. Other officers were chosen to serve for the coming year in different capacities as follows:—

Vice-president, John Day; treasurer, Charles F. Higgins; financial secretary, John F. Donnelly; sergeant-at-arms, Charles O'Brien; trustees, Geo. McCarthy, Richard J. Flynn and Katherine M. Burke.

Most of the elections were contested, with the exception of the candidacy of Secretary Rourke, who has served four terms. A social hour followed the business meeting, with a buffet luncheon served.

HELD "TURKEY NIGHT"

Last night was "Turkey night" in the headquarters of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. Thirty birds were awarded to holders of lucky tickets, and during the evening a pleasant entertainment was conducted. The affair was in charge of Grand Knight Charles J. Landers, assisted by John C. McQuaid, Chris J. McSorley, Michael F. Adams, Edward F. Saunders, Daniel A. Powers, Michael F. Delaney, John F. McArdle and Michael A. Keefe.

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As a preventive, melt and inhale night and morning—
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WERE DRIVEN TO STREET

Occupants of Gorham Street Block Forced Out By Early Morning Fire

Occupants of a six-tenement block at 1022-1030 Gorham street were driven to the street scantily clad, and damage estimated at $7000 to the property was caused by an early morning fire of unknown origin.

In addition to the six tenements, there are three stores in the block and it was in the basement of one of the stores that the fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock by bakers employed in the Osterland bakery in the block.

When firemen arrived, the basements of the three stores, the Osterland bakery, Louis G. Stoloff's market and H. P. Brady's variety store, were ablaze and dense clouds of smoke filled the building.

Police Officers John Burns and John Conlon, with H. P. Brady, Frank Meehan and firemen, assisted tenants of the block to safety, it being necessary to carry one, an invalid, to the street. The tenants, who had taken time only to throw light clothing over their night clothes, were cared for by neighbors until the fire was extinguished and they were allowed to return to their homes.

Several lines of hose were directed into the blazing cellars and after a short while the flames were drowned out. The Stoloff market suffered the greatest damage, practically the whole stock being either burned or ruined by smoke and water.

Damage to the Osterland bakery is estimated at $1000 and to the Brady store at $300, while the block itself and the furnishings of the upper tenements were damaged considerably by fire and water. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The block is owned by J .M. Reed of Lawrence.

LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL XMAS CELEBRATION

Lowell lodge, 138, I. A. of M., featured its annual Christmas season celebration by entertaining Santa Claus and a large number of guests, last night. The festive program was given in Merrimack hall, which was crowded with members and their families, and many invited guests.

The hall was brilliantly decorated for the Yuletide entertainment. There was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus, and then an entertainment program that presented excellent talent in every number featured. John Burroughs appeared in the role of Santa Claus. Among the guests was Robert Pachner, member of the machinists' general board of directors. Refreshments were served during the evening and there was dancing until midnight.

The entertainment featured the following in excellent offerings:

Master Mahoney, recitation; Robert Cahill, piano selection; Fred Cummings, songs; Miss Brothers, piano selection; Miss Monahan, dance; Miss Joyce, sword dance; Charles Clancy, songs; McLaughlin Sisters, cake walk and Irish reel; Marion Pendergast, sailor's hornpipe; Miss McInerney, Irish clog dance; Harry Duffy, songs; Celia Leavitt, sword dance; Virginia Lundgren, Virginia reel; Leavitt sisters, Highland flings; Ethel McLaughlin, buck and wing; Martin Maguire, songs; Elizabeth Leavitt, Frisco dance.

CLUB CITOYENS AMERICAINS

At the regular meeting of Club Citoyens Americans to be held this evening, business of major importance will be transacted. The music committee and the entertainment committees will meet previous to the general business session in which time final arrangements will be made for the ladies' night to be held New Year's eve.

OVERNIGHT FLASHES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Operatic and concert stars, under contract with Victor Talking Machine company, will participate in bi-weekly concerts to be broadcast by company in conjunction with American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Warrant is issued at Olean, N. Y., charging wife of George E. Ensminger, golf expert of Columbia, Miss., with attempted murder by sending box of poisoned candy through mail to Mrs. Marjorie Ensminger, Ensminger's former wife.

General increase in customs duties ranging from ten to fifty per cent and imposing heavy tax on automobiles is prepared by customs commission for ratification by French parliament.

United States railroad labor board refuses request of committee of managers of western railroads that board suspend wage agreement between Southern Pacific railroad and engineers and firemen.

Reports of capture of Scutari and Alessio by Albanian insurgents after two days' fighting, confirmed in Belgrade despatch.

James L. Asher, Philadelphia prohibition agent, known as the "lone wolf," is acquitted in federal court at Philadelphia on charges of murder and manslaughter in connection with the death of Peter Yanenuskas, a saloon keeper, as result of injuries received during dry raid.

Naval ambulance seaplane is swamped at Hampton Roads naval air station, and four men, including patient being brought from North Carolina, are killed.

CHRISTMAS MAILS QUICKLY HANDLED

The Christmas mails are being handled with dispatch and few delays in both receipt and delivery departments at the local postoffice. Thousands of letters, packages and parcel post mail matter, to say nothing of a large volume of Christmas cards exceeding last year's amount by far, are being moved through the Lowell postal service area in excellent shape thus far, Postmaster Delisle said today.

Extra trucks for collecting and delivering Yuletide mail are in operation day and night. The rush today to keep the mails moving to destinations brought every postal service facility into operation. There will be no local deliveries of mail after 11 a. m. tomorrow.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Knights of Malta will observe Christmas in the usual spirit of good fellowship. Tonight an entertainment will be provided in the club rooms on Middle street, and visitors from out-of-town commanderies will be present as guests. A prize drawing will be a feature of the Yuletide celebration and refreshments are to be served. The entertainment committee includes Howard Glnen, George Heap and Robert Boulll.

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Al Mello Wins Over Veteran Shaver O'Brien in Boston Bout—Maloney Beats Montgomery

JIMMY MALONEY WINS OVER "SULLY" MONTGOMERY ON FOUL

Crowd Stirred by Texan's Unfair Blow in Third Round Surged Toward Ring, But Referee Brassill's Prompt Action Prevents Trouble—Mello Wins

BOSTON, Dec. 24—A wild left-hand swing, delivered with the intent of driving back the furious onslaught of the local man, landed on a prohibited section of Jim Maloney's anatomy in the third round of the bout between Maloney and "Sully" Montgomery of Fort Worth, Tex., in Mechanics building last night, and Maloney was instantly declared the winner on a foul.

It was a palpable foul, but entirely unintentional and accidental. As Maloney, far ahead on points, sagged against the ropes as he sank to the floor writhing in pain, the giant ex-football player from the south rushed toward him and planted a terrific right-hand uppercut to the jaw of the half-conscious Maloney and the latter was rendered senseless.

In an instant the immense crowd, one of the largest that ever crowded

AL MELLO

into the old hall, was in an uproar. Part of the thousands of spectators surged toward the ringside, hurling epithets and derisive remarks at the bewildered young Texan.

Referee John Brassill, sensing the attitude of the partisan crowd, immediately pointed toward Maloney's corner to indicate that he had won on a foul and thereby saved what might otherwise have been an unpleasant situation.

There was no other alternative than to declare Maloney the winner. He was clearly fouled and it was patent to those who beheld the unfair blow that he suffered agonizing pain.

Referee Brassill evidently was satisfied that it was unnecessary to consult a physician to determine the extent of the injurious effects of the punch. His judgment was sound, for any delay in rendering the decision would only have further aroused the crowd, which had become almost frenzied in the brief but hectic contest.

Pandemonium Reigns

Pandemonium reigned almost from the beginning of the battle between the heavyweights. The intense excitement was the result of Maloney's aggressive tactics and his apparent superiority over the much-heralded and altogether likeable Southerner.

Montgomery was a decided favorite with the fancy, the odds lengthening from 10 to 8 to 10 to 7 to approximately 2 to 1 when the big fellows entered the ring.

Although "Sully" was the odds-on favorite, the sympathy of the crowd was unquestionably with the South Boston boxer. Montgomery was tardy in arriving in the building, but he was first in the ring. While he received a generous reception, it was nothing as compared to the ovation tendered Maloney.

Maloney's weight was announced as 197½ pounds. Montgomery was four pounds heavier. The visitor also had height and reach in his favor, but after he had missed two rushes and the men fought wildly and aimlessly into and through the ropes, "Sully's" longer reach was a disadvantage, rather than a benefit.

The Texan was at a loss at close quarters, whereas Maloney did his most effective work when in close, driving both hands to the body and hooking and uppercutting right to the head.

Both were over-anxious and wild in the opening round, but the honors belonged to Maloney. Jimmy's unexpected aggressiveness surprised even his most ardent supporters.

When the second round began, Maloney displayed an almost utter disregard for the dangerous right hand swing of the Texan. He jabbed his left neatly to the face and in a fast, furious exchange he uppercut effectively to the chin.

Both missed swings and when Montgomery essayed another rush he was met by a hard right cross to the jaw, followed by a right uppercut to the chin as they clinched. "Sully" missed a wild right swing, and as Jimmy forced him into the latter's corner Montgomery slipped to his knee against the rope. It was Maloney's round by a good margin.

Montgomery Cut Under Eye

Montgomery was more aggressive and determined in the third round, but his efforts to connect were unavailing, and while both continued to swing wildly, Maloney scored the oftener and seemed the more collected. After a clinch, Maloney met Montgomery's rush with a stiff straight left to the cheek, opening a cut under the Texan's right eye. Then, in a bewilderingly fast exchange, Sully rushed, swinging his left low and hard. Maloney sank helplessly to the canvas, but not before Montgomery had hit him with a right uppercut to the chin as he went down.

It was fully a minute before Maloney was in condition to be lifted to a stool.

Only one of the preliminary bouts lasted the scheduled eight rounds. That was the opening contest between Al Mello of Lowell and Shaver O'Brien of South Boston, both southpaws. It was a spirited affair and Mello was the winner.

The bout between Wolf Larsen and Jack Hankinson, heavyweights, was almost a repetition of their previous meeting, except that last night Larsen was declared the winner in the third round on a technical knockout.

Hankinson was floored in the opening round and again in the second, and after being knocked down twice in the third, Referee Phil Powers stopped the bout. Hankinson dropped Larsen in the second round.

The semi-final between Tom Kirby of Roxbury and "Rocky" Stone of Dorchester, was stopped in the sixth round, when, after he had been hit low, Stone later sought the canvas without being hit. "Rocky" was knocked down with a right to the jaw in the second round, but sent Kirby through the ropes an instant later with a right to the ribs. "Rocky's" claim that he had been fouled was not allowed.

John Glackin and Pat Moran were the judges and Arthur Burns was timekeeper.

AL MELLO GIVES O'BRIEN WALLOPING

Showing the brand of fighting that made him 117-pound national amateur champion, Al Mello of this city, gave Shaver O'Brien the South Boston veteran, a merry walloping in their eight round semi-final to the Maloney-Montgomery bout at Mechanics hall, Boston, last evening.

Mello took the lead at the outset with a relentless attack, allowing O'Brien no quarter driving him around the ring with heavy left hand punches. Al also had his right hand jab working to perfection and many times Shaver's head reminded one of a bobbing cork.

In the third round Mello tore loose and it looked as though O'Brien could not last the distance, but his experience was brought into play and weathering the storm of blows he went to his corner in a weakened state.

From the third round on, Mello continued to pile up his lead and at the conclusion of the final round not a dissenting voice was raised.

A large crowd of Lowell fans witnessed the bouts and all were pleased with Mello's showing.

GENE TUNNEY TO MEET TOMMY GIBBONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion who a year ago filed a challenge naming Mike McTigue, world titleholder, with the New York state athletic commission, has been awarded a bout with Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight who stood 15 rounds with Jack Dempsey at Shelby, Mont., and more recently knocked out Kid Norfolk of Baltimore.

McTigue who has no license in New York, has promised to appear before the commission for several months, but has failed to do so. Tunney, also, is far from being an intimate friend of the rulers of boxing since his failure some weeks ago to discuss a match with Gibbons in Madison Square Garden.

McTigue is understood to be insisting on another outdoor bout this summer if he is to defend his title and is expected to meet the winner of the Tunney-Gibbons battle, if such a match is arranged.

BUGLERS TO HERALD ARRIVAL OF XMAS

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 24—Buglers stationed about the city will herald the arrival of Christmas to residents of Troy, according to proclamation of Mayor Harry E. Clinton. The notes of Christmas carols will be sounded by the 13 buglers at 11.55, 12.05 and 12.10 tonight, the heralds being stationed at churches, police precinct stations, street corners and in the city parks.

KELLEY SURE WONDER, SAYS STAN HARRIS

By NEA Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Manager Stanley Harris of the Washington club says that, all things considered, he regards First Baseman George Kelley of the Giants as the most remarkable player in the majors.

"Being six feet six inches, it would be supposed that his unusual height would tend to make him clumsy on the ball field. Instead, he is all grace," says Harris.

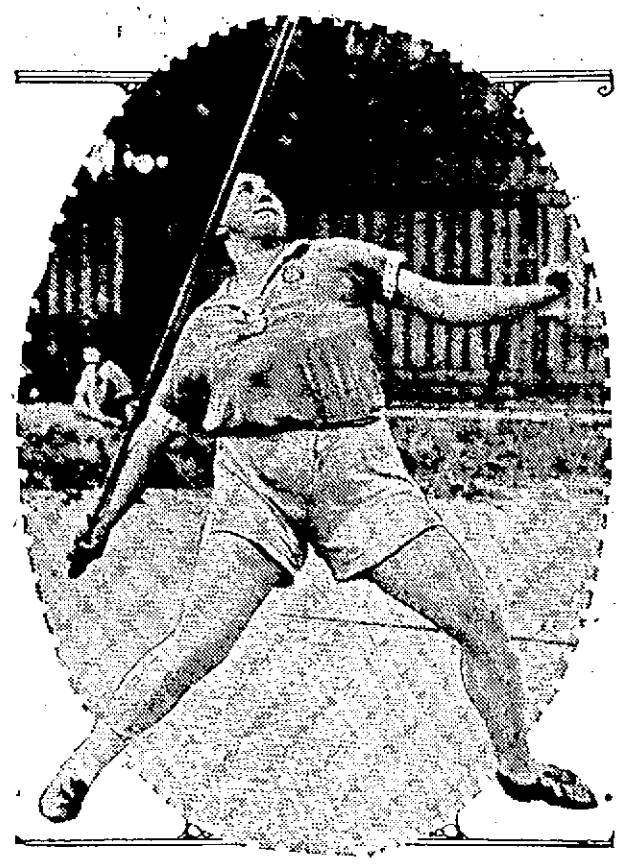
"I never saw a better stop than he made on Gollin while playing second to end one of the world series games. In center field, he pulled a couple of circus catches, while his first-base play could not have been improved upon.

"I regard any player who can step into three difficult positions in a world series and do the fine job that Kelley did, nothing short of a wonder player."

HELD ANNUAL SUPPER

Over 50 employes of the Whitehall Manufacturing company were the guests of the organization at the annual supper held last evening in the Yun Ho restaurant. William J. Wilson was the toastmaster of the evening and under his direction an excellent program of musical numbers and recitations was given. He was assisted by John Shanahan. The committee in charge of last evening's affair consisted of William J. Wilson, Robert G. Cairns, William Gulla, Armand Bertrand, John Shanahan and Percy Hingtou.

The chief oriental market for American kerosene is North China.



WHAT CAN SHE DO WITH A ROLLING PIN

Madame Violet Norris, world's champion javelin thrower, as she appeared in a recent carnival at Paris. If she changed to rolling pins—

Scott Explains Endurance Record

EVERETT SCOTT

BY BILLY EVANS

Everett Scott, frail shortstop of the New York Americans, has played 1291 consecutive games. He started his "iron-man" stunt June 20, 1916, and is still at it.

No position on the ball field is more dangerous to play than that of shortstop. This, coupled with the fact that Scott is far from husky, makes his endurance record all the more remarkable.

Here are 10 reasons why Everett Scott has been able to hang up a record for endurance, that will probably stand, even after Babe Ruth's 59 homers in one season has passed out of the picture:

1. Takes great care of his physical condition. Follows training rules more like a college player than a professional athlete.

2. Never hurries himself in the spring. Conditions himself slowly regardless of how well his rivals for the position are showing.

3. Makes careful study of his batters, figures no two alike, enabling him to make plays easily that otherwise might call for a foolhardy effort.

4. Never forces his arm except in the pinch. Times his runners so that he throws the fast and slow ones out by the same margin.

5. Has made a careful study of touching runners. This is the most dangerous of all plays on the ball field and no player is called upon to make it more often than the shortstop. Watches the runner closely and, being familiar with his mannerisms, positions himself accordingly in making the touch, also taking into consideration the direction of the throw.

6. Gets the signal for every pitch and then tries to figure what he will do in advance. Says this is most important and saves many a "bonehead play."

7. Doesn't believe in fussing with the umpires unless he has a real grievance. Then expresses his objections in a way that results in the umpire giving him much consideration rather than pointing to the exit sign.

8. Guards constantly against being temperamental. Says player must accept the good and tough breaks as part of the game.

9. Insists on being an optimist, believing that everything is going to be all right and says it usually turns out that way.

10. Fights hard but always tries to play the game fair.

No Nut Cracker

by Joe Williams

Shoeless Joe Jackson says he's broke and we can remember when he was well heeled.

Johnny Dundee was seen wearing a silk hat and a monocle in Paris. . . . The stuff they sell over there makes a fellow do the darndest things!

Judge Landis told the magnates in Chicago he was not there to split hairs. . . . Yet it is plain the judge has plenty to split.

It develops that Paavo Nurmi trains on garlic. . . . No wonder it's so hard to get anybody to run with him.

One of Man o' War's colts failed to win a single race last season. . . . Just like a lot of young blades we know, trying to get by on the ol' man's rep.

Shadow photos are the newest craze in Cleveland. . . . They are especially good for shadow boxers, one supposes.

An exhibition of needlework by college men is on display in Boston, thus explaining what the cheer leader does after the football season ends.

Championships should be discouraged, says the president of Michigan University. . . . We thought Red Grange saw to that last fall.

"There are too many passes in football" complains an eastern coach, whereas there are seldom enough in African golf.

O'NEILL GETS BREAK

Steve O'Neill is well pleased at going from a near tailender to an almost pennant winner. Steve was re- . . . to the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees. He has already started to get in shape to prove he isn't through as a catcher.

UMP SAYS GERMANY LIKES BASEBALL

By N.E.A. Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The failure of the major league tourists to go big in Europe brings out the fact that Japan is one of the few countries that has enthused over America's national game.

Jim Johnstone, former National league umpire, who has just returned from a trip abroad, says a mistake was made by the tourists in not visiting Germany.

Johnstone says that of all the European countries he toured, Germany was the only one in which the kids were actually playing the game.

In the other countries where baseball was played former Americans and Canadians were the performers.

FIRPO REACHES PARIS

Tells French Writer He Expects to Meet Gibbons or Renault in April

Yearns for Another Bout With Dempsey — Says Rojas "a Third Rater"

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Luis Firpo, who is yearning for another chance at Jack Dempsey's crown, expects to be matched with either Tom Gibbons or Jack Renault for a fight at Madison Square Garden in April, he told the French sports writers upon his arrival here.

Questioned about Quintin Romero Rojas, who was recently given the South American heavyweight title because of Firpo's failures to meet him, the Argentine said his rival was "a third rater."

"It amuses me when the South American boxing commission, which is hardly an official body, gives him the title champion of South America," Firpo added. "If he uses the title in Buenos Aires everybody will laugh at him."

"The fight which left me the most regrets," he told the sporting paper, L'Auto, "was the one with Dempsey. Just think—I knocked him out of the ring in the first round, which he finished groggy, and you might almost say he was saved by the gong. Alas, in the second round he came up as fresh as ever, and I lost.

"If I meet him again—and I have every reason to believe I shall do so in 1926, if I beat Gibbons—I hope to have better luck, although Dempsey is a terrible opponent."

In Firpo's opinion the four leading heavyweights in order of precedence are: Dempsey, Wills, Gibbons and Renault.

SPORTS of all SORTS

(By the Associated Press)

United States Senator James Wadsworth of New York, who held down first base for the Yale nine in 1898, is regarded as the best man in that position in the last 35 years, according to a former Yale pitcher. Wadsworth was a "fly around" hitter, a clever hunter, a fast fielder and remarkably speedy on the bases. During the season of 1898 Wadsworth made only one error at first base, and that came when Bill Reid of Harvard knocked the ball out of his hands. Wadsworth smashed out 15 hits in six games against Princeton and Harvard, winning the title for Yale by batting in all of Yale's three runs in the final game.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1925, will bring forth the most attractive dish of gridiron delicacies ever before scheduled for a single autumn afternoon. On that day not less than 10 big games are carded. The two foremost contests include Notre Dame's meeting with the Army at New York and Penn's game with Yale at New Haven. Other games of interest for that day are the Princeton-Navy clash at Annapolis, the Syracuse-Indiana classic at Indianapolis, the Columbia-Ohio State game at Columbus, the Cornell-Lafayette contest at Philadelphia, the Penn State-Marietta battle at State College, Pa., Detroit's meeting with Georgetown on the former's field and Bucknell's game with the Haskell Indians.

Baseball fans in the south next spring will have a hard time choosing between the two summer attractions of the major league exhibition tourists. The Washington Senators will travel with the New York Giants in an echo of the world's series but the tour of the rival second place clubs, Brooklyn and the New York Yankees will boast two of the greatest individual attractions, Dazzy Vance and Babe Ruth.

The Brooklyn-Yankee series goes back to 1913, when the late Frank Chance was in his first season at the helm of the American League club here. The Giants, on the other hand, have shifted partners frequently in their spring barnstorming. Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington and Chicago have toured with the McGraw men in the past.

Torrington, Conn., which gained prominence last fall as the home of Duckey Pond, famous Yale halfback, has produced another gridiron notable in Clarence ("Buck") Green, recently elected 1925 football captain at St. Bonaventure College, Alleghany, N. Y.

Manager John McGraw of the Giants must keep both eyes on Frank Walker, outfielder from Rocky Mount, N. C., this season for Walker is an oddity among ball players, a business man. As boss of the Rocky Mount club, he sold himself to the Giants for $10,000. If he fails to make the major league grade he may want to buy himself back—say for $5,000. Meanwhile he will be collecting a salary. McGraw has a job on his hands.

COMPANY C WINS INDOOR SHOOT

Five-men teams representing Companies C and D, 182d Infantry, M.N.G., held an exciting indoor shoot on the range in the basement of Westford street armory, last evening. Excellent scores were made by a majority of the contestants, the match bringing out quality marksmanship in several instances.

Company C's five picked target-shooters won the contest with a 392, Company D's riflemen scoring 369.

Corp. Boutwell of Company C was highest man, with a total of 87. The next highest was Sergt. Brennan of the same company, with 85. Private Harbouich of Company C, and Sergts. Mack and McMahon of Company D, each scored 84.

The match was conducted with the rules calling for ten shots standing and ten shots prone, 25 yards. Second Lieut. James A. Tourtott, 182d Infantry range officer, directed the competition.

The scores:

COMPANY C	O.H.	Prone	Tl
Priv. Malloy	29	40	69
Priv. Carroll	31	36	67
Priv. Harbouich	42	42	84
Sergt. Brennan	39	46	85
Corp. Boutwell	41	46	87
	182	210	392
COMPANY D			
Corp. Balakin	31	41	72
Corp. Sullivan	31	36	67
Priv. Armitage	27	35	62
Sergt. Mack	36	48	84
Sergt. McMahon	40	44	84
	165	204	369

FRED MERKLE OF "NO-TOUCH SECOND" FAME RETURNS TO U. S.

Former Giant First Baseman to Become Assistant Coach of the Yankees—Huggins to Quit Coaching Lines and Retire to the Bench

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Fred Merkle, once lost on a journey from first base to second, has found his way back to New York, scene of his adventure. He will become assistant coach of the Yankees, according to Business Manager Ed Barrows, unless something happens to a deal nearly completed.

Merkle, who played first base for the Giants several years ago, when Larry Doyle, and Art Fletcher were part of the infield, came into the public eye as the man whose failure to adhere to a fundamental rule of baseball lost a National league pennant. Many have criticized him but he also has had defenders as a result of that so-called "bonehead play," when he failed to touch second base to complete a Giant victory and Johnny Evers, then second baseman of the Cubs, noticed the omission.

Of late years Merkle has been playing in the International league and his hitting has been exceptional, while such an error as was credited to him as a major leaguer has not been repeated with the Rochester club.

The nature of the deal by which he comes back to New York, although with the American league team this time, has not been announced but is supposed to be a straight cash proposition. Manager Miller Huggins, who has occupied the coaching lines during his regime, is expected to retire to the bench and permit Merkle to handle the field activity.

As the old Giant player still is a remarkable hitter, he may be used in pinches this year, although this is not the intention, according to Yankee officials.

The story of Merkle's misplay has been told many times. Here is what happened:

With a man on second base, Merkle singled, advancing his team mate to third. Then came another hit and the winning run, to all purposes went across the plate, but—Merkle had failed to touch second. Seeing the winning run score, the Giant first baseman rushed off the field with his team mates as Evers noticed the omission and won his argument. Many who saw the contest have declared that the umpire was responsible for Merkle's notoriety, having signalled by raising his right hand that the game was over.

Stout Turns to Hockey

Princeton is again looking to "Buzz" Stout.

During the football season just closed Stout, aside from his duties of captain, played a great game at end for the Tiger.

While Princeton failed to win over Yale, its 34-0 defeat of Harvard made the season a success. No Princeton team ever gave the Crimson such a whaling.

Many of the football experts rate Stout as worthy a place on the All-Eastern team.

With football over, Stout has turned his attention to hockey. The fact that he is captain of the hockey team is a tribute to his popularity at Princeton.

Last season injuries kept him out most of the hockey season. He is fit this year, however, and hopes to lead Princeton to an Ice championship.

Billy Evans Says

The sale of Pitcher Stanley Coveleskl to the Washington club recalls a joke some of the Cleveland players once put over at his expense.

Coveleskie is a quiet chap. His two longest words are yes and no. Some Cleveland players insist he has sat on the bench for days without uttering a word.

He generally selects an out-of-the-way spots in the dugout, puts in a big chew of tobacco and is set for the day.

When brusque Bill Guthrie, who fears no man, broke into the American league as umpire, several Cleveland players decided to have a little fun with him.

When Bill was busy calling balls and strikes, some player from a point of vantage would take his judgment to task.

Just breaking in, Bill found it difficult enough to judge balls and strikes without looking in the direction of the Cleveland bench. Nevertheless he was considerably peeved.

"Who is making all those wise crecks on your bench?" asked Guthrie.

"Nobody but Coveleskie," answered one of the Cleveland players. "He sure can think of a lot of nasty things, can't he?"

Biding his time, Guthrie waited patiently, until the next outburst. It came an inning later.

"Say, you big Pole," yelled Guthrie, "you better keep your mouth shut and save the saliva you're wasting for your 'spitter.' It's none too good. If you don't get wise to yourself I will probably have to mention you to Mr. Johnson in a special delivery letter.

Even then Covie didn't get the drift of the conversation. He kept chewing his cud of tobacco and looking off into space. As Guthrie turned his back someone yelled, "You're a far better detective than an umpire." Thinking it was Coveleskie, Guthrie shouted:

"The plate is just two inches wide the next time you pitch." Meaning Stvie would have to make his strikes perfect. "For the rest of the day nothing but silence and plenty of it from you."

Happily at this stage of the proceedings some one put Guthrie wise or Coveleskie would have probably been chased to the clubhouse for the first time during his career.

Miller Huggins, mite manager of the Yankees, will probably never forget his first meeting with Guthrie.

On the very first play of the game Guthrie, working at first base, called Whitey Witt out on a very close play. Witt entered strenuous objections. Before he had gotten very far Guthrie had put him out of the game. Huggins, coaching at third, fearing Witt would be chased, rushed over to see if he couldn't head off the trouble that he knew was imminent.

Huggins was about 20 feet from first base when Guthrie noticed him. Witt, in the meantime, had started for the Yankee clubhouse. Getting a glance at Huggins, Guthrie, in a most nonchalant manner, yelled:

"And by the way, Witt, you might as well take the bat boy along with you," referring to Huggins, of course.

ABOUT CIGARS

Give him something a little better than he buys for himself and you've given something that's bound to please.

Following is a partial list of cigars carried in boxes of 25. Kilby, La Preferencia, Muriel, Overland, El Roi Tan, Admiration, Marguerite, E. & E. Perfecto, Special Seleccion, E. & E. Invincible, Mozart, Chancellor, Prince de Gales, Bock's Panetella, Romeo & Juliet, Carolina Perfecto, Robert Burns and Manco.

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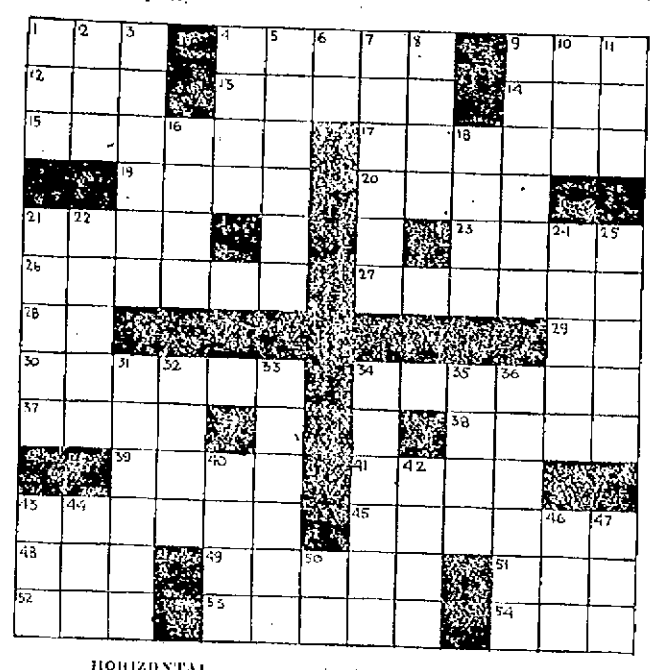

HORIZONTAL

1. Cat's cry.
4. What you do in a hammock.
9. Droop.
12. A constellation.
13. One who partakes of food.
14. Frozen water.
15. Able to have.
17. A poem.
19. Untrammeled.
20. Small shoot of a tree.
21. Exchange of goods for money.
23. Yan; also a metal.
26. Summits.
27. To come out.
28. How a cockney says him.
29. Just supposin'.
30. Recall.
34. Artful; crafty.
37. Garden of ——.
38. Smile contemptuously.
39. Very small particle.
41. Not closed.
43. Severities.
45. What you steer a ship with.
46. Part of the verb to be.
49. Gets the better of.
51. ——cent.
53. Slush.
54. Affectionate father.

VERTICAL

1. European gull.
2. A Dutch garden plot.
3. A wide, flat cake you eat for breakfast.
4. Wither.
6. People who wade.
8. A pronoun.
7. Lie snugly.
8. Increase in size.
9. One who sings.
10. Tops the king.
11. Come in possession of.
16. Native metals.
18. A river in Egypt.
22. Frighten.
24. Equipped with firearms.
25. Nimble.
27. To put off.
31. Scant.
32. A preposition.
33. A girl.
34. Games.
35. Bereft of blood.
36. Cared for.
40. Globes.
42. Shove.
43. Gentle knock.
44. Anger.
46. Age.
47. A color.
50. As.

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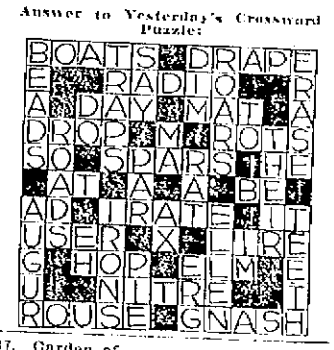

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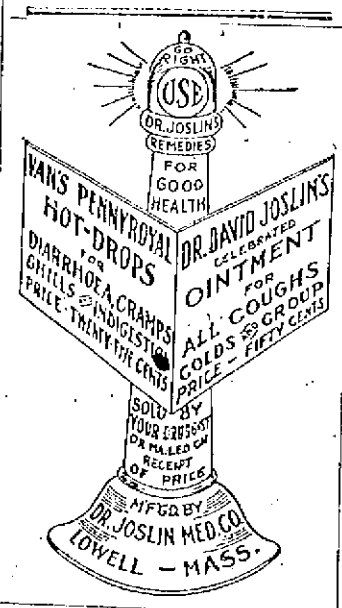

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A delightful miscellaneous shower was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Bean, in honor of Miss Mary Connolly, where about 50 of her friends gathered to wish the bride-to-be happiness. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and white for the occasion. After the gifts were opened and refreshments served, a dancing exhibition was given by Mrs. Thomas Seery. Mrs. Thomas Murphy entertained with several solos and also gave several selections on the ukulele. The hostesses of the evening were Mrs. Harry Bean, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Miss Julia Smith and Miss Mollie Downey. Miss Connolly is soon to become the bride of Mr. John Graham.

CENTRALVILLE SOCIAL CLUB

A routine meeting of the Centralville Social club was held last evening in the club rooms in Lakeview avenue, with President Alderic Branchaud in the chair. A number of committee reports were made, among which was a progress report of the committee in charge of arrangements for the installation of officers, which is to be held on Tuesday evening, January 6.

LICENSE COMMISSION

The License commission held a brief session last night and granted the following petitions to sell ice cream, fruit and confectionery on the Lord's day: Ernestine Dureault, 19 Fisher street; Alphonse Beland, 150 Aiken avenue; William Gerow, 17 Waterford street. A license to conduct a pool and billiard parlor at 256 West Sixth street was granted to Harry Lowe.

TODAY IN WASHINGTON

Senate and House in recess.

Joint Congressional committee continues hearings on administration bill to increase postal rates.

Government business suspends with mid-day closing of all executive departments for Christmas holidays.

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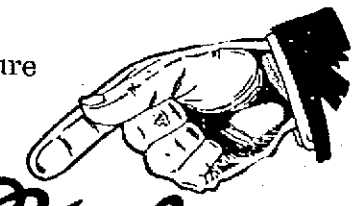

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FACTS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Dept. of Justice Finds No Evidence That Senate Employe Accepted Money

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The department of justice's investigation into charges that a senate committee employe accepted money for the use of his influence in behalf of legislation has resulted in a finding that no law was violated.

Attorney-General Stone declined to divulge the nature of the legislation, or the name of the man involved. Officers of postal workers' organizations charged that the case was concocted by opponents of the postal pay increase bill to try and defeat that measure and demanded that the attorney-general make the facts public, but this was never done.

FLAG-DRAPED CASKET

Body of Clarence Gilbert, Air Mail Pilot, Taken to His Home Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (By the Associated Press)—In a flag-draped and flower-decked casket, the body of Clarence Gilbert, who lost his life in line of duty for the government he had served as soldier and mail aviator, is to be taken home to Blairsville, Kas., today.

The body, which rested today at the air mail field, is to be brought to Chicago at 3 p. m. and placed on a train bound for Kansas. The body will be accompanied by O. D. Christner, superintendent of the air mail field.

SEARLES TESTIFIES IN BLACKMAIL CASE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Victor A. Searles, the artist formerly of Boston, and now of Atlantic City, whose payment of $50,000 to the husband of a woman who had compromised him as part of the operations of a blackmail ring forms the basis of extortion charges against William J. Corcoran and others, testified at the trial today. Incident of the visit by four detectives to a Huntington avenue apartment occupied by the woman, Mrs. Blanch Paul and by Eleanor Barnes, another of the women, later, was described by Searles. He said he went to the apartment on the invitation of the Paul woman, and that she cried when he first refused. When the detectives entered one of them said: "You are Searles. You'd better see Bill Corcoran." Corcoran at that time was district-attorney of Middlesex county. It developed at yesterday's session of the trial that he cashed a check for $50,000 made out to him by Searles, and that Scott Paul of Methuen, husband of the woman received only $5000 in settlement of claims against Searles.

BOYS GUESTS AT DINNER

Lion Club Members Hosts to Boys at Dinner and Christmas Party

Sixty boys, ranging in age from 6 to 14, were the guests of the Lions club at the regular weekly dinner and a Christmas party yesterday at the Y.M.C.A. which culminated when Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed to each boy a useful gift.

The boys were the members' tickets of admission, for none could attend who did not bring one boy, and the guest, under the provisions of the committee in charge, must be one who would not otherwise have a Christmas tree and celebration.

Dinner was the first thing on the program when the members and their boy guests met at 12.15, and after very few minutes the natural shyness of the lads evaporated and the fun began. Favors were distributed among boys and members, including noise-making devices, gaily colored hats and streamers.

The first number of the after dinner program was two reels of moving pictures, educational pictures and comedies, with community singing by the boys to the accompaniment of George Smith, club pianist.

Following the pictures, Chester Runels entertained for fifteen minutes with tricks of magic, and kept the boys and members too, thoroughly interested until his last sleight-of-hand feat was finished.

Then came the climax of the party. The curtains which hide the stage from the floor were withdrawn and a beautifully lighted Christmas tree, with bundles of presents strewn about, was disclosed to the view, and Santa Claus, played by Charles W. Robinson, entered and called the boys forward to receive their gifts, which were mainly stocking caps or other articles of apparel which will be greatly appreciated before the winter months have passed.

Members of the club were then called to the fore to receive their gifts, which were toys of all sorts, many of which found their way into the hands of the boy guests before the meeting adjourned. Then, with the singing of a group of songs by members and guests, the party ended.

President Dr. G. Forrest Martin was in charge of the meeting and was assisted in the arrangements by all the club members.

PRESIDENT OPPOSES INAUGURAL RECEPTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge put his foot down today on suggestions for an inaugural reception. He doesn't object to a ball held in connection with the inauguration provided he does not have to attend.

The president believes that those who like to dance should be permitted to do so but he doesn't care for dancing and consequently will not attend any balls where he might be expected to participate in that pastime.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Many Guests at Weekly Banquet of the Lowell Rotary Club

Meeting Addressed by Payson Smith, State Commissioner of Education

Leading educators, representing many different local institutions of learning ranging from public and private schools, to the continuation, vocational, textile and state normal schools, gathered in round-table galaxy fashion yesterday at the weekly banquet of the Rotary club on Dutton street, and paid homage to a distinguished guest—State Commissioner of Education Payson Smith.

There was a full attendance of members and a host of invited guests in Boys' club hall at 1 p. m. when President Arthur Spalding called attention to the Rotarian Christmas celebration scheduled for Christmas eve at headquarters and starting at 7 p. m. promptly. Members attending this afternoon's meeting remained for about two hours to assist in filling the net bags with wonderful gifts that are to be distributed among 1,500 deserving boys of Lowell when Santa Claus rings the bell in the club-rooms tomorrow night.

Dr. Smith held an impromptu reception in Rotarian banquet hall just before the luncheon hour. He appeared to be amazed at the extraordinary number of well known educators and local school government officials assembled in his honor, for the attendance of guests from many Lowell departments of learning was not anticipated.

Among those engaged actively in educational pursuits in Lowell today and invited dinner guests of the Rotarians, were Supt. of Schools Hugh J. Molloy, Headmaster Henry H. Harris of Lowell High school, Mr. Clarence M. Weed of State Normal school, Principal Charles H. Eames of Lowell Textile school, and also instructors in several municipal public schools and institutions of the private enterprises.

Mr. Smith received a cordial welcome, when introduced by President Spalding, as one who had come to Lowell to deliver "a new message that should be heard and remembered." The state school commissioner of education launched promptly into his subject—the defence of modern youth. He opened his address by emphasizing certain well known facts concerning the conduct of modern schools, but enlarging somewhat upon the topic by presenting trite examples, covering actual cases of American public schools that have been radically changing from old methods of instruction and adopting new ideas and ideals. The acute situation is actually creating havoc in many fields of public education.

The commissioner declared emphatically that to meet these problems of radicalism facing or appearing in public school systems of the country in every direction, is one of the greatest problems of the day. No longer are pupils devoted long to the basic principles of education—reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. Young pupils advancing through the different stages of learning today, soon find themselves assigned to work hitherto unknown in educational circles—a maze to some of them, the commissioner went on—a crystal maze, if you will!

Mr. Smith declared solemnly that youth was being led away from the old fields of learning into a mass of strange subjects far removed from the main educational requirements and not conducive to the best interests of the child. The departure from old and tried methods of arranging lesson courses is working harm and placing school pupils in predicaments that prevent them from the acquirement of knowledge that should be theirs when graduation day comes, the commissioner explained.

The future of the home and home life, as well as the churches and schools are challenged by new educational methods that turn away from the old paths. There is not the future ahead that depends upon instruction upon lines that have been found worthy of following in the past in the making of educated men and women from teaching the youth.

Commissioner Smith called attention to the wonderful work now being performed in a noted educational school just established a short time ago in Antioch, Ohio. Here is a high school, he said, where the children are given some work to do with their hands and brains, as well as studies to perform along the ways that education of all the forces of the children should go. There is mutual interest in the school work and it is the admiration of leading school educations, the commissioner said.

Before closing, he pleaded with interested citizens to take up the study of modern educational methods and learn for themselves where in many departments of education, there is "breaking away" from the original principles and systems that actual education of the young calls for to prepare them for future life and success.

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The following is a summary of a letter of Sidney Coolidge, President:

HISTORY: National Fabric and Finishing Company (formerly Lowell Bleachery) was incorporated in Massachusetts in 1833, and for many years has been one of the principal companies engaged in bleaching and finishing grey cotton goods.

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BUSINESS: The business consists of bleaching, dyeing and finishing of grey cotton goods into shoe linings, khaki, tenting, clothing materials and ducks for manufacturers and jobbers and an extensive distribution of shoe findings, such as eyelets, hooks, laces and specialties to shoe manufacturers throughout the country.

The merger of these concerns with the Lowell Bleachery should result in very substantial economies and greatly increase the scope of the business.

The Company has offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

PROPERTY: The Company owns in fee and operates Bleacheries and Finishing Plants in Lowell, Mass., and St. Louis, Mo., and controls through stock ownership a bleachery and Turkish towel finishing plant in Griffin, Georgia.

ASSETS: The net current assets as of September 30, 1924, were $232 per share, and net tangible assets $401 on each share of preferred stock.

EARNINGS: The average net profits for the ten years and nine months ending September 30, 1924, after interest, depreciation and Federal taxes at the present rate, of the concerns composing the National Fabric and Finishing Company, were $502,083, which is equal to over 7 times the annual dividend requirements on this stock.

SINKING FUND: A sinking fund has been created into which, there shall be paid annually, beginning 1926, 10% of the net earnings after preferred dividends, such sum to be not less than 3% nor more than 5% of the largest amount of preferred stock issued, which shall be used to retire preferred stock at not over $110 and accrued dividend.

MANAGEMENT: The management and control of the Company will continue in the hands of the same men who have been responsible for the success of the component businesses.

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SENT POISONED CANDY THROUGH MAILS

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Officials investigating the sending of poisoned candy through the mails to an Olean home in a Christmas package announced today that the parcel bore a sending address of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ensminger, Columbia, Miss. Harriet Mosier, 44 years old, today was in a critical condition from eating the poisoned candy.

The package, containing besides the candy a policeman's suit, a box of paints, two games and a flg, was addressed to George E. Ensminger, jr., son of Mrs. Marjorie A. Ensminger, the first and divorced wife of George E. Ensminger. She and her son live at the Mosier home.

The candy, officials said, was packed in a small separate box and consisted of one home-made piece of fudge. In the candy box was a note which read: "Merry Christmas and love. Would have sent more candy but it didn't harden. Will send more tomorrow."

Ensminger is a professional golfer. After obtaining a divorce he re-married.

City Bacteriologist Garen said today that an examination of the candy and flg showed that both contained small flakes of poison. He said evidently a poison tablet had been shaven into small pieces and distributed in the delicacies.

SLAYER OF AMERICANS PUBLICLY HANGED

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Vesel Lam Hidri, convicted by the Albanian courts of the murder of Robert Lewis Coleman and George B. Delong, Americans, in Albania last April, was publicly hanged at Tirana, according to a radio message received here today by the Pan-Albanian Federation of America from the Albanian government.

Hidri was condemned to death last week after a trial lasting 52 days. Sentence of death was imposed also on four other defendants who are fugitives. Several others, including Ahmet Zogu, former premier, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SACO-LOWELL SHOPS

Saco-Lowell shops employes in the plant's research department were called together for a Christmas dinner party yesterday, the gathering being held in the department office, which was decorated with Yuletide emblems and electric lights. The rally of Saco-Lowell employes in the department named during the Christmas season, has been an annual feature for many years.

Gifts were distributed by drawing names and the method of securing Christmas remembrances created much amusement. Miss Gertrude Fellows of the office department had charge of the distributions.

U. S. TO TAKE NO NOTICE OF FRENCH SUGGESTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge feels that the American government can take no notice of French Ambassador Jusserand's suggestion, voiced in a public address here yesterday for a moratorium in payment of the French war debt to the United States.

The proposition must be laid before the American debt funding commission and thus far no definite proposal of any sort has been communicated to that body by the French.

No high officials, therefore, will comment on the ambassador's suggestion.

GUILTY OF BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dern Sirro, 20-year-old seaman who was arrested last night for writing threatening letters to Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt 2nd, demanding $50,000, and, to Philip Rhinelander, demanding $20,000, pleaded guilty to blackmail and extortion today when arraigned in police court. He was held in $5000 bail for the grand jury.

FALL RIVER MAYOR ACTS

Calls Conference to Urge Mills to Operate on Full Time Schedule

FALL RIVER, Dec. 23—Merchants, manufacturers, labor leaders, bankers and real estate men met in city hall yesterday at a conference called by Mayor Edmond P. Talbot, to urge that those various interests and the municipal authorities get behind a movement to have the mills of Fall River operate on a full time schedule at the earliest possible time.

In giving out a report of the conference today, Mayor Talbot said that he did not care to go into details of the discussion, except to say that he thinks the situation has brightened greatly, that he is encouraged in the belief that the mill men will now solve their problem and that Fall River mills will be operated on full time at a very early date.

MANY PARDON PETITIONS BEFORE COMMITTEE

BOSTON, Dec. 23—A grist of Christmas pardon petitions came before the pardon committee of the governor's council committee today, and Governor Cox and the full council will receive at least two recommendations for release at their meeting tomorrow. William B. Mason of Wakefield, serving a sentence of 2½ to five years, for assault on a girl, and Charles P. Fay of Stoughton, who was sentenced for a similar term for manslaughter after his opponent in a street fight died, were the prisoners for whom clemency was approved. Four other cases were to come up later in the day.

TO SELL ST. RAILWAY

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Judge Crosby in supreme court today authorized Zenas W. Bliss as receiver for the Interstate Consolidated Street Railway company, to sell the property of the company at auction at some time to be determined by the receiver or the court. The sale is to be at Attleboro, and stockholders and creditors may bid if they desire.

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EX-BANKER DE KAY WILL GET PAROLE

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 23.—Serving a five-year sentence in the Rhode Island State prison for aiding and abetting in the misapplication of $213,000 of the funds of the defunct Atlantic National bank here, Henry E. DeKay, New York banker-broker and gentleman Virginia farmer, will be paroled New Year's day or shortly thereafter by the governor. On New Year's day he will be eligible for parole for having served one-third of his sentence. His parole has been indorsed by the proper federal authorities here as well as by the warden of the state prison, where it is said DeKay has been a most model prisoner.

HEAVIEST MAILS IN HISTORY OF SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The heaviest mails in the history of the postal service are being handled today as the result of posting yesterday of a Sunday accumulation of Christmas gifts and greetings.

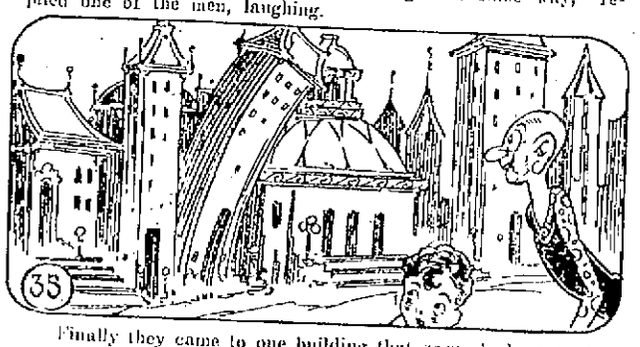
Spurned by the order that under no circumstances shall clerks and carriers work after 11 o'clock on Christmas day or report earlier than usual that morning, employes of the postal service are striving to "clean up" on time.

Mailings are believed by postal officials, on the basis of current reports, to be from 25 to 35 per cent heavier than last year.

EVERETT TRUE

Jack Daw's Adventures. Chapter 12

Jack had never seen such queer-looking buildings. Most of them were tall and very narrow. "Why are they made so high, yet so thin?" he asked. "Oh, that's the way we tall men are built, so we make our buildings the same way," replied one of the men, laughing.



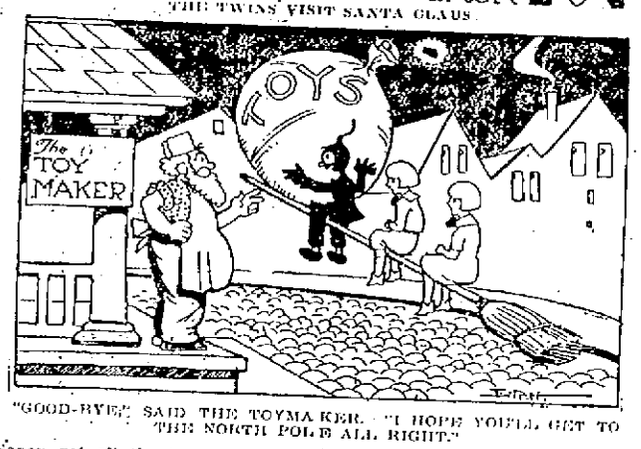
Finally they came to one building that seemed about to fall over. "Don't push me under that building," shouted Jack. "I believe it is going to crash down." "Oh, now," came the reply, "that's just that way because one of our lanky men leaned over in it and bent it."

Next they came to a place where the lanky men stopped pushing the auto. "Better go in and meet the chief of police," suggested one of the lanky men. "He's a nice fellow to know. If he likes you we won't get arrested for speeding." So Jack jumped out of the auto. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton

THE TWINS VISIT SANTA CLAUS



"GOOD-BYE," SAID THE TOYMAKER. "I HOPE YOU'LL GET TO THE NORTH POLE ALL RIGHT."

Nancy got all the toys and dolls cleaned up that Snitcher Snatch had dirtied with the soot.

And the Toy Maker said he was ever and ever so much obliged.

"Goblins will be goblins," he said. "And Snitcher Snatch is no worse than the rest, I suppose. But he certainly is an awful nuisance. Here it is almost Christmas and I'm sure Santa Claus will wonder what I have done with his toys. He must be tired waiting so long."

"Can't we help?" said Nick quickly. "We haven't anything else to do and Johnny Sweep has his magic broom right here."

The Toy Maker struck his hands together. "The very thing!" he cried. "I've been wondering and wondering how I could get Santa Claus' toys to him. Can you take one bag to the North Pole right away?"

"We sure can," said Johnny Sweep. "We can tie the bag right on my broom. It's magic, you know."

"I certainly am much obliged," said the Toy Maker. "When can you start?"

"Right now," said Johnny Sweep.

"You don't say so!" said the Toy Maker. "Well, the bag is all ready. Will you please help me to pack it?"

"We sure will!" said Johnny Sweep obligingly.

And Nancy and Nick said the same thing.

They put in skates and sleds and horns and drums and woolly lambs and doll babies and soldiers and hooks and mechanical toys and jumping-jacks and blocks and candy and so many things I can't remember them all.

The Twins and Johnny Sweep worked hard, and finally the great bag of toys was tied tightly to Johnny Sweep's broom.

"Good-bye," said the Toy Maker, "I hope you'll get to the North Pole all right. Give Santa Claus my love and tell him I hope he'll have enough toys to go around. I'll leave some extra ones on my roof and he can get them as he drives past in his sleigh."

"We will," called the Twins as they rode away. "We'll tell him everything."

They rode and rode and rode, over mountains and lakes and cities and fields until they began to think they would never get there.

But by and by they came to Santa's house.

Mrs. Claus answered the door.

"Mister Claus has just gone out to catch his reindeer," she said. "He has his sleigh all ready; it's been newly painted and everything. All he has to do is to hitch up and get started."

"We're glad we are in time," said Nick. "The Toy Maker was afraid he wouldn't have enough toys so he sent some more."

Mrs. Claus gave them some hot soup after their ride and just then Santa Claus came puffing in.

"Well, well, well!" he cried when he saw them. "If it isn't Nancy and Nick! Merry Christmas, my dears!"

(To Be Continued)

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division

To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr
5.20	8.40	2.30	3.10
6.12	7.03	6.00	7.08
6.23	7.26	*5.35	8.11
*6.33	7.36	7.35	8.29
h6.30	7.55	h3.15	9.32
6.44	7.37	8.00	9.39
6.50	8.50	10.00	10.39
7.55	8.37	*10.35	11.53
8.57	9.39	12.30	1.11
10.03	11.05	s1.05	2.03
*10.54	12.21	s1.20	2.40
10.59	11.40	2.15	3.15
12.07	1.01	2.50	3.41
1.50	2.53	*3.30	4.36
2.45	3.43	4.00	4.42
z3.30	4.12	h4.06	6.24
4.00	4.45	z*4.15	6.36
4.12	6.25	5.00	5.42
*5.14	6.33	*5.14	6.18
5.38	6.40	5.21	6.42
*6.05	7.28	6.38	8.35
6.58	7.41	5.50	7.17
*7.12	8.25	6.14	7.22
8.14	9.56	*6.55	8.14
9.58	10.50	8.00	8.41
*10.20	11.35	8.30	9.11
		*9.10	11.17
		10.30	11.40
		11.35	12.42

Portland Division

To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr
6.33	7.38	6.35	8.06
z7.40	8.47	10.35	11.53
10.54	12.21	3.20	4.36
3.40	4.43	5.14	6.18
5.14	6.35	6.55	8.14
7.12	8.30	9.50	11.17
10.30	11.33		

Sunday Trains Portland Division

12.07	1.22	3.29	4.42
3.40	4.40	5.10	6.45
6.26	7.10	8.45	9.50
8.55	10.05		

Sunday Trains Southern Division

6.12	7.03	8.45	9.55
6.41	7.30	10.00	10.39
8.30	9.40	10.30	11.11
9.13	10.10	1.00	2.04
10.30	11.17	*3.20	4.45
*12.07	1.22	5.30	6.24
2.02	3.35	*5.10	6.45
*3.40	4.45	7.15	8.55
4.50	5.54	8.00	8.41
*5.26	7.10	8.30	9.11
6.56	7.41	*8.45	9.50
7.44	8.27	9.25	10.35
8.38	9.50	10.45	12.02
8.55	10.05		
9.53	10.50		

*via Lowell Junc.; h via Bedford; z via Wilmington Junc. and Lowell Junc.; s Saturdays.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

FIRE CHIEF OTEY WALKER PLAYED SANTA CLAUS AT THE CHURCH - HIS TRAINING AS A FIREMAN CAME IN HANDY WHEN HIS COTTON WHISKERS CAUGHT FIRE, HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

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DR. OTTO EICHEL DEAD

Was Director of Vital Statistics of New York State Dept. of Health

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Dr. Otto Eichel of Albany, N. Y., director of vital statistics of the New York state department of health, died here today from pneumonia.

He was on leave for temporary service with the League of Nations, of which he was chief of the epidemiological intelligence and statistics section.

Dr. Otto Eichel had been director of vital statistics for the New York state health department for the last seven years. He was one of the 23 Americans holding fellowship in the royal statistical society of England. He gained special prominence a few years ago for his conclusions based on a historical study of influenza cycles.

One of his chief functions at Geneva was to build up a system of international exchange of reports on epidemic diseases, particularly with regard to the prevalence and mortality.

IN NEW YORK

BY JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—See-sawing up and down Broadway saw Henry Miller in evening clothes and immediately thought of "The Man in Evening Clothes," his new play. Clever thinker, eh???? Saw Louis Wolheim, lately "the hairy ape" and now a profane soldier of the stage. He's called the ugliest man on Broadway. Once he was called a college professor. Saw Harpo Marx, versatile genius of slap-stick comedy, and he looks as dumb, as thick-headed in his street clothes as he does on the stage. Seeing more street fakers now, that the Yuletide approaches. Latest novelties are toy violins and fur monkeys on a string. Saw great crowd of people before a toy display and grown-ups outnumbered children 12 to 1. Saw D. W. Griffith, the cinema master, wearing a light gray overcoat, he having given up his fad for checked designs in clothes. Seeing more and more ice-skaters, but so far New York has had no natural ice. The rinks do big business here throughout the year. Saw Rev. Charles Francis Potter, opponent of Dr. John Roach Straton in matters of fundamentalism, and he appears more the successful man that the successful clergyman. Seeing the opera singers enter the Metropolitan, they appear as so many garment workers entering a sweat-shop.

Frank Gargan, coach and graduate manager of Fordham's football team, was stricken with appendicitis and removed to Lutheran hospital for operation. He has a telephone at his bedside and has been making 1925 schedule arrangements with other colleges by long distance.

—JAMES W. DEAN.

PRETTIEST CAPITAL CLERK

Miss Margaret Mattare will take the leading part of "Miss Federation" in "Uncle Sam's Follies," the show being staged in Washington by the girls employed in government offices.

DEFENDS SKUNKS AND PORCUPINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The porcupine is the most maligned animal in natural history fiction with the possible exception of the skunk, according to Guy Powers, United States forest ranger in Glacier National park. He says:

"Many stories have been told about porky throwing his quills at people and animals from a distance of several feet. As a matter of fact, no porcupine ever threw a quill at anybody in his life, and couldn't if he tried.

"If you took hold of a porcupine the quills, which are very lightly fixed in the skin, will come out and stick in your hand, but that isn't porky's fault. If you take hold of a live wire you must expect to get burned.

"The skunk also is a much abused animal. I never heard of him annoying unless they annoyed him. If let alone he is perfectly willing not to create a stir, and will even make friends if opportunity offers. On many occasions I have had skunks come into camp for food, and I even made a pet of one and carried him around for weeks without disastrous results."

STEAMER BEACHED

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama canal at Lalt-Point yesterday, and is now beached at Gamboa. She will be returned to Balboa for repairs.

Part of the cargo was ruined by water and the remainder is being unloaded into canal barges.

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Sarah B. Randlett, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Sadie M. Thurston, of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December, A.D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

CHARLES N. HARRIS, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of Philippe Roy, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Alice Daigle, administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the ninth day of January, A.D. 1925, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

CHARLES N. HARRIS, Register.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BODY OF "MILLIONAIRE ORPHAN" ORDERED EXHUMED AT CHICAGO

Authorities to Determine Whether Typhoid Fever Killed Wm. McClintock, While Miss Pope, His Fiancee, Waited at Bedside With Marriage License

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The body of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan," will be exhumed possibly today, to determine whether typhoid fever, as indicated in the death certificate, killed him three weeks ago, while Miss Isabelle Pope, his fiancee, waited at his bedside with a marriage license.

Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, and Oscar Wolff, coroner, who have started an exhaustive inquiry into his death at the instance of Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court, said pathologists would make a special examination for poison or other foreign matter in the vital organs.

The death occurred a few months after McClintock became of age and took possession of a $1,000,000 fortune left by his mother when he was four years old. In his will, signed a few days after he reached 21, the entire estate was left to William D. Shepherd, an attorney, whose wife was the youth's co-guardian with A. F. Richmann, also an attorney, except provision was made for an $8000 life annuity for Miss Pope.

McClintock had lived with the Shepherds since his mother's death and died at their home. According to Dr. Rufus B. Stolp, who signed the death certificate, a severe case of hemorrhagic typhoid, probably contracted from eating oysters, caused death.

Mr. Shepherd, visiting friends in Albuquerque, N. M., with his wife, declared over long distance telephone to a Chicago newspaper last night that "the boy died a natural death and there is no reason for an investigation." He said he had planned to return here in a week or two but might return at once.

Detectives last night searched the Shepherd home for bottles which had contained medicine given to McClintock during his illness, and questioned servants who had witnessed the signing of the will. Druggists who filled prescriptions were ordered to produce copies.

Announcement that an exhumation order would be sought was made yesterday after a conference between Judge Olson, a friend of the McClintock family, prosecutors, Attorneys Richmann and Henry K. Urion, an official of the Dartmouth College Alumni association of Chicago. McClintock attended Dartmouth.

Judge Olson said he started an investigation immediately after the death, but refused to state what caused him to become suspicious. The coroner's office made public an anonymous letter received two weeks ago in which a belief was expressed that McClintock had been poisoned. The letter said that had McClintock married before his death, disposal other than that provided for in the will would have been made of his fortune.

Attorney Richmann said young McClintock had discussed financial affairs with him but had not mentioned his intention of drawing up a will.

CANNOT TELL OWN WIVES

Women Constantly Changing Appearance, Husbands Fear Arrest For Bigamy

Vicar Comes Out Strongly Against Use of Paint and Powder by Women

Says Man Who Came Into Church With Blonde Went Out With Bobbed Brunette

KINGSTON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Rev. A. Wesseley Orr, vicar of St. Paul's church, Kingston Hill, has come out against the use of paint and powder by women. Writing to his parishioners, the vicar says:

"Even while we are signing the marriage registers in the church vestry, the bride may get in a few moments' work before the mirror with a powder puff, scissors and a bottle. The man who came into church in love with a blushing blonde takes out on his arm a blooming bobbed brunette.

"Some wives are so constantly changing their appearance that their husbands live in perpetual dread of being arrested for bigamy."

PLENTY OF BIRDS FOR CHRISTMAS FEASTS

Fresh-killed turkeys for the Christmas feasts tomorrow may be purchased at prices ranging from 47 to 52 cents per pound.

Local markets are well stocked with fresh-killed birds varying in weights to suit the most discriminating customer, leading marketmen reported this morning.

The demand has been excellent since fresh stocks arrived last Saturday morning, and no dealer complains of any lack of buying turkeys, though trade is also excellent in fancy fowl and chickens, where prices range from 32 and 35 cents for the regular storage stocks, up to 38 and 39 cents for extra good qualities and 50 cents for the milk-fed chicken offerings.

Many markets in thickly-populated quarters of the city are selling good turkeys for as low as 37 and 39 cents, and report excellent patronage for the stocks offered.

In some of the markets, storage poultry is being sold at prices that are cut down almost to cost because of large purchases that were slow-moving this morning on account of the weather conditions retarding early trading for Christmas dinner requirements.

Nearly all markets handling large amounts of turkeys every holiday season, maintain the 47-cent price today for the finest there is. Occasionally there are fancier offerings, plumper and corn-fed varieties from New England north farms, just arrived, that will bring as high as 50 cents and in some cases 55. They appear to be worth the money, from the displays of a grateful in two large markets this morning.

In many respects, poultry of finest grades and weight ranges is remarkably cheap for this period of the year. Dealers admit that they never had an opportunity before to secure such excellent supplies in such large quantities. Many of the markets in the suburbs report a better demand for plump fowl and the yellow-skinned "chicks" of the three and four-pound kind that always sell themselves.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES ON MILK PLANNED

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A committee consisting of Richard Pattee, managing director of the New England Milk Producers' association, F. H. Edwards of the Vermont Federation of Creameries and W. H. Bentley of Skowhegan, Me., was expected to take steps today to inform the dairy interests of New England that an increase of twenty per cent in freight rates on milk was being considered by the railroads serving this section. The appointment of the committee followed a meeting of various dairymen here yesterday at which the subject was discussed. The attitude of the conference was said to be that the railroads were entitled to a fair transportation charge, sufficient to give good service, but that they would protest a 20 per cent increase unless the railroads could show cause.

Gerrit Fort, traffic manager of the Boston and Maine railroad, said the matter of a 20 per cent increase had been under discussion by the New England roads, but that no conclusion had been reached, and it might not come up for decision for some time. "We do think, however, that the time is near when the milk traffic should bear its proportionate share of the burden," he said, adding that new equipment was desired.

It was estimated at the conference that the proposed increase would be a quarter of a cent a quart, amounting in the aggregate on all roads to about $700,000 a year.

CORCORAN TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The government yesterday discontinued the charges against two of the six defendants who are on trial for alleged extortion of $50,000 from Victor A. Searles, an artist, who has been shown by testimony to have drawn a cheque for that amount to William J. Corcoran, former district attorney of Middlesex county, the principal defendant.

The prosecution then rested its case and Corcoran announced that he would offer no evidence.

Those against whom the charges were dropped yesterday were J. Warren Kane and Michael J. Lyons, alleged to have been in the employ of the blackmail ring that forced payments amounting to thousands of dollars from wealthy men and compromised by women lures of the gang. Whatever Kane and Lyons did was on orders from Corcoran, the district attorney said.

Searles was a witness yesterday, testifying to the party in a South End apartment in which he was surprised with Blanche Paul and Eleanor Barnes, two of the women used by the gang. He had gone there with Capt. Arthur E. Austin, whom he employed as a bodyguard, he said, for a bite of lunch and a few drinks, when four men representing themselves as detectives entered and one of them told him to see Corcoran about fixing the matter fixed.

COLLECTION OF ASHES

There will be no municipal collection of ashes in the city tomorrow, Christmas being one of two holidays enjoyed by the employes of the ashes and waste division. The usual Thursday collections will be made on Friday and Saturday, with plans laid for work on the latter day until all sections are cleaned up.

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J. F. Donohoe, 222-223 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Tel.

Edward O'Brien, night foreman at the local car barn, is confined to the Lowell General hospital, following an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Reynolds, of 17 Ash street, are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl on Dec. 20th. Mrs. Reynolds was formerly Miss Catherine Higgins.

Police Guard Jackson

Continued

venture in the belief that it was wisely done.

Jackson's resignation as treasurer of the insurance company and as vice-president of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company, with which it is affiliated, was announced on Monday.

Jackson was up and around the ward at the city hospital where he is a patient, this forenoon, under surveillance by police officers. Attorney-General Benton, meantime, although not prepared to say publicly what move he would take in the case officially, was known to have taken steps to bring the facts to his office for consideration. The fact that the street railway company is in the hands of the public trustees, and that the state insurance department is interested, made the matter one in which the attorney-general's office is bound to protect the state's interest, it was said.

Invested Funds in Arkansas Oil

ELDORADO, Arkansas, Dec. 24.—Caleb S. Jackson, former Boston traction official, who twice attempted suicide in that city after disclosing that he had invested more than $50,000 of trust funds in Arkansas oil operations in conjunction with W. G. Banks of Shreveport, La., financed and for a time operated the National Petroleum Products company of this city and later built a pipe line to the east field, three miles from here, which was opened in 1922. The pipe line company is said to have been incorporated under the laws of Delaware but the status of the parent company is uncertain. Jackson came to Eldorado 18 months ago and made a second visit about a year ago.

Banks and Jackson's company have been through an extended legal history, a small refinery on the northern edge of the city having been leased and re-leased by them and become in turn the object of involved suits apart from the parent company. The purpose of Jackson's last visit here is believed to have been the supervising of the sale of the pipe line corporation which took place soon after.

Banks removed to Shreveport some time ago but friends in this city last night said that he still has faith in the properties regaining their former status and coming clear of legal entanglements.

CASES BEFORE THE U. S. COMMISSIONER

James E. Butler of Portsmouth, N. H., was arraigned this morning before U. S. Commissioner R. B. Walsh on a charge of illegal transportation and was ordered held in bonds of $300 for hearing on Dec. 29.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Michael Crutella of Lawrence, for whom a warrant was issued recently when he failed to appear on a date set for hearing, was taken before the commissioner and after arraignment was continued for hearing at a later date.

LOWELL MAN NAMED IS ELECTED COUNCILOR

E. B. Carney on Committee to Decide Plan for Adjustment of B. & M. Finances

John P. O'Connell Chosen by Voters of Ward 5 at Special Election

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A general committee of bond holders and stockholders to decide upon a plan for readjustment of the finances of the Boston & Maine railroad proposed a few days ago by Homer Loring, chairman

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of the executive committee of the board of directors, was made public today. It was announced that all those named had consented to serve at the request of the voting trustees. The general committee follows:

Reginald Foster, vice-president, New England Mutual Insurance Co.

Robert D. Brewer, treasurer, Provident Institution for Savings, Boston.

John R. Macomber, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston.

James L. Richards of Boston, director, New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company.

Former Governor Rolland H. Spaulding, Rochester, N. H.

Charles Francis Adams, representing the voting trustees.

W. Rodman Peabody, Harry G. Stoddard, James H. Hustis and Homer Loring, representing the directors, Boston & Maine railroad.

William Endicott of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston.

Edward Milligan, president, Phoenix Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.

W. L. Higginson, Jr., of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston.

Walter M. Parker, treasurer, Manchester, N. H., Savings bank.

Edward B. Carney, treasurer, Lowell Institution for Savings.

F. I. Emery, treasurer, Suffolk Savings bank, Boston.

B. & M. TO ABANDON LINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Boston & Maine railroad "in furtherance of a comprehensive plan to reduce the proportion of unprofitable mileage now operated" applied to the Inter-State Commerce commission today for permission to abandon four sections of its system in New Hampshire.

Officers of the road have recently announced their intention to cease operations on a very large proportion of the system.

Formal petitions declared the line from Greenfield to Keene, a distance of 29 miles, and those from Wilton to Greenfield, about 11 miles; from Belmont Junction to Belmont, four miles, and from Bethlehem Junction to Bethlehem, about three miles, all have been operated at a loss in recent years.

There was said to be no need in the public interest for the maintenance of operation on the lines involved.

BOAT OVERTURNS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 24.—A shore boat from the U. S. S. California, enroute to the shore overturned in the outer harbor here early today. The number of sailors thrown into the water or whether any were drowned was not determined in first reports.

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voters of the ward at a special election yesterday over Frederick J. Gillis by a margin of 106 votes.

The special contest aroused considerable interest among the younger voters of the ward and drew out upwards of 1500 men and women. Polls were open from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. and the result was known at city hall at 8.30 o'clock.

Gillis led his opponent in precinct 1 by a narrow margin, the totals there being 145 to 132. In precinct 2, however, O'Connell began to pull away, when he received 243 votes to 191 for Gillis and in precinct 3 made victory certain by obtaining 490 votes to 330 for Gillis.

At the announcement of the result, the O'Connell supporters staged a well-organized demonstration, including an automobile parade through the district and downtown streets.

The new councilor lives at 7 Everett street. He is a director and prominent member of the Y.M.C.I. and is popular in many circles.

MIDNIGHT MASSES IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Midnight masses will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches of the city tonight with the exception of St. Margaret's church where masses will be celebrated tomorrow at the regular Sunday schedule with the 11 o'clock mass being a solemn high mass.

In St. John's and St. Anne's Episcopal churches special musical programs will be given at the Christmas services tomorrow. In both churches the vested choirs will give special programs.

At the midnight masses tonight and at the solemn high masses to be celebrated tomorrow morning there will be elaborate programs with orchestral accompaniments in Catholic churches. Vested choirs and soloists will give specially arranged programs while in St. Jean Baptiste and St. Joseph's churches the ceremony of the shepherds will be given after the celebration of the midnight mass, and will be in the form of a low mass at which Christmas carols will be sung by the vested choirs.

UPHOLDS RUSSIAN CHURCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The attempt of the soviet church of Russia to take over control of the Russian Orthodox church and its properties here failed today when State Supreme Court Justice Ford upheld the claim of the Metropolitan platon Roitzevnasky to the leadership of the Russian Greek church in North America, and the Aleutian Islands.

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BY REQUEST, DANCING WILL CEASE AT 11.45

TOMORROW NIGHT

Leo Daly's Orch.

ADMISSION 40c

DANCING EXHIBITION TONIGHT

By the Belmonts

POLISH HALL

Merryland Orch.—Adm. 40¢

Big Midnight Dance Tonight

By the Ramblers — 12 to 4 A. M.

POLISH HALL

Eddie Brooks' Orchestra — Admission 50 Cents

STRATFORD'S Xmas Party

COLONIAL HALL—CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Jack Brown's Orchestra of Hotel Hemenway——Subscription 50¢

DANCE TONIGHT

BAY STATE DANCING SCHOOL—DUTTON ST.

Miner-Doyle's Orchestra—Gents 50¢—Ladies 40¢—Checking Free

DANCING SATURDAY NIGHT